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OUTLINES.

The United States government has purchased the two Brazilian cruisers now receiving their finishing touches in an English shipyard; neither Chili nor the Argentine republic will sell ships to Spain. ——A bill authorizing construction of eight new revenue cutters passed the Senate; resolution concerning the investigation of the Maine disaster was discussed. ——In the House District of Columbia business was considered. ——The Spanish squadron at Cadiz sailed for Porto Rico to await orders from Captain General Blanco. ——The Bank of Abbeville, Ga., has failed; warrants have been issued for the arrest of the cashier and president, who left the town several days ago. —— J. L. Price, a tobacco drummer from Reidsville, N. C., found dead in bed at Roanoke, Ala., caused by drinking. ——There was no session of the Maine Court of Inquiry at Havana harbor yesterday; rumors were in circulation that Italian warships are expected, and that the United States government will send to Havana either the battleship Iowa or Indiana. ——The Governor of Texas announces that general quarantine regulations will go into effect April 1st. —— The Fern returned to Key West from Matanzas. ——It is the impression at Key West that the report of the Court of Inquiry will not be presented for some time yet. ——New York markets: Money on call was steady at 2@2½ per cent., last loan at 2½ per cent.; cotton dull and easy—middling 6½c; flour was inactive and steady at old prices; wheat—spot easy; No. 2 red $1.04½; corn spot firm; No. 2, 37½c.; rosin steady; spirits turpentine steady at 36 @36½c.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE,
WEATHER BUREAU,
WILMINGTON, D. C., March 14.

Temperature: 8 A.M., 62 deg.; 8 P.M., 54 deg.; maximum, 63 deg.; minimum, 54 deg.; mean, 58 deg.

Rainfall for the day, .09; rainfall since 1st of month up to date, .97.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

Cloudy and rain prevail this evening in North and South Carolina and in the lower Mississippi valley, with thunder storms in the later section; elsewhere clear weather prevails. A storm area is central in Nebraska, while an extensive area of high pressure covers the eastern districts, extending from the Lakes southward to the Atlantic coast. It is much cooler than on yesterday evening in the Atlantic coast States and the eastern slope of the Rocky Mountain region, and warmer in the central valleys.

Stage of water in the river at Fayetteville at 8 A. M. 5.0 feet.

Forecast for Thursday: Partly cloudy weather with light showers; easterly winds.

Port Almanac---March 15.

Sun Rises	6.12 A. M.
Sun Sets	6.07 P. M.
Day's Length	11 H. 55 M.
High Water at Southport	1.19 P. M.
High Water, Wilmington	3.49 P. M.

Consul General Lee has had his beard shaved off. Another proof that he isn't afraid to show his face in Havana.

That Ohio express agent who eloped with $10,000 and another man's wife had unbounded confidence in his ability as an elopeist.

Gen. Weyler hasn't yet manifested any hankering to sit down on Gen. Pin who has charged him with being responsible for the bad mess in Cuba.

A good many of the Northern papers have dropped "dollar wheat" and caught on to "dollar gas." They are giving their readers a big lot of dollar gas, but not of the illuminating kind.

About 68 per cent. of the Spanish people can't read and a majority of the balance are not much stuck on it. This accounts for so many of them thinking this country isn't as big as Spain.

A member of the Massachusetts Legislature has introduced a bill to prohibit "Christian Science" treatment of sick people. There isn't much science or Christainity in that kind of nonsense.

A Northern paper which is determined that its readers shall be up on the war business informs them that "powder is composed of different materials in certain proportions." It deals in hot stuff.

A piano which can be heard a distance of six miles is the latest achievement of a piano builder in Roumania. A thing like that ought to give plenty of room for people to get out of reach of it.

A Vermont man who in 1861 received a package of government seed and made $3,000,000 out of the products of it in ten years, died poor. He called it "Norway oats." Perhaps he sowed too many "wild oats" with it.

Some veterinary students in a St. Louis horse-pital recently had a horse dinner, horse done up in soup, fry, fricassee, roast and various other ways. They say it was jam up. Now let them try their appetites on some of the "old horse" the Express companies have put up and knocked down annually to the highest bidder. They might have a real high old time on that.

Spanish war vessels or any other foreign craft trying to sneak into New York harbor in the dark would have a nice time doing it with that 100,000-candle power electric flash light which lights up the sea for a distance of fifty miles, and is so arranged as to sweep every foot of it in every direction as rapidly as the eye can follow it.

That Cleveland, Ohio, minister who says he would not like to be caught dead with one of the yellow papers in his pocket, is afraid perhaps that they would have a dead sure thing on him then, but we expect he would object less to being caught dead with one of them in his pocket than to be caught alive.

In Russia they make authors of bad books eat them. This saves the public from the necessity of digesting much bad stuff. For the sake of these authors, however, it is to be hoped that they can stand their books better than that Alabama goat did the Populist speech which it innocently devoured.

A good deal of Georgia marble is now being shipped North to be used in the construction of imposing structures, for which it is preferred to any other marble that has been offered. The marble of Cherokee county, in this State, is equal to the Georgia product.

Archaeologists have discovered the tomb of Osoris, but have not yet succeeded in finding any of his friends to break the news. The old gentleman was buried about 10,000 years ago. Some of these days they may find the resting place of those venerable fossils, Palmer and Buckner.

It looks as if Russia was hatching up trouble for somebody. She is going to spend 90,000,000 roubles in new warships. These floating things come high, but nations which keep up with the styles must have them.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

S. W. Sanders—Special cut.
Masonic—Meeting Wil. Lodge.
The Mayor—Proposals wanted.
"Corneaw's" Bed-bug Interceptic.
Maine Question—How to get well.
King Grocery—Up-to-date goods.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

B. F. Penny & Co.—Shamrock free.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. L. C. Green, of Charlotte, is registered at The Orton.

— Mr. Bruce Williams, of Burgaw, spent yesterday in the city.

— Mr. Thos. Hewett, of Southport, was in the city yesterday.

— Mr. R. F. Hamme left Sunday for New York to buy Spring hats.

— The STAR had a pleasant call last evening from Mr. J. Elwood Porter, of Columbus county.

— Maj. A. Weil, returned yesterday from a ten days' business trip to points in Georgia.

— Mr. H. W. B. Glover, Traffic Manager of the Seaboard Air Line, was here yesterday on business.

— Capt. and Mrs. A. D. Brown and daughter, Miss Maggie, have gone to New York to spend some time.

— Mr. Thos. Dollar, of Linder, Harnett county, is in the city visiting his son, Mr. Claude Dollar, of the STAR's mechanical department.

— Mr. Thos. T. Pace, of Raleigh, the clever representative of the Procter Coal Company, of Jellico, Tenn., is here calling on the coal dealers.

— Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Davis arrived here Sunday from Columbia, S. C., and will make Wilmington their home. Mr. Davis, some eighteen years since, was a resident here for a short time.

W. L. I. Meeting.

The regular monthly meeting of the Wilmington Light Infantry was held last night, but no business of very great importance was transacted further than the election of one or two new members. An invitation to attend the 20th of May celebration was discussed, but no final action as to its final acceptance was taken.

Civil Service Examination.

The usual semi-annual examination for the departmental, government printing office, railway mail and Indian services will be held in this city, commencing at 9 o'clock A. M. on March 21st, 1898, at the U. S. Court room in postoffice the building.

Janitor at the Custom House.

Jas. E. Howard, colored, will be janitor at the Custom House. The place has been vacant since the new collector, Jno. C. Dancy, colored, went into office. The salary paid is $50 per month. Howard's commission had not arrived yesterday.

LOCAL DOTS.

— Messrs. B. F. Penny & Co. announce in the STAR this morning that they will furnish Shamrock free for use on St. Patrick's Day.

— The schooner *D. J. Sawyer*, Capt. Kelley, arrived yesterday from Punta Gorda, Fla., with a cargo of phosphate rock for Messrs. Powers Gibbs & Co.

— Mayor S. P. Wright in an advertisement in the STAR this morning calls for proposals for furnishing the Police Force and Fire Department with uniforms.

— Commander Geo. L. Morton received a telegram yesterday from Mr. B. F. Lee, of Smithfield, tendering his services in the event of a difficulty in which the Reserves would be called into action.

— His Honor Mayor Wright disposed of two cases yesterday. Ingram Howe for drunkenness and disorderly conduct was given 15 days in jail. Ella Davis, arrested on the charge of larceny was discharged.

— Justice McGowan tried two cases yesterday. One, charging Forney Gore and Andrew Benton with larceny, was dismissed at the cost of the prosecutor. S. R. Clark paid the costs in a case for disorderly conduct.

— Two of Wilmington's popular german clubs have selected dates for their first germans after Lent. L'Agile Club have selected Monday evening after Easter and L'Arioso Club the following Wednesday.

— The regular annual meeting of the Carolina Yacht Club will be held at the City Hall Monday night, March 21st at 8.15 P. M. The election of officers will take place and other important business will be transacted.

— The Board of Directors of the Wilmington Tariff Association met yesterday at 4 P. M. at the rooms of the Merchant's Association. The adjourned meeting of the stockholders will be held this afternoon at the same place at 3.30 o'clock.

— A telephone alarm of fire was sent in at 2.50 o'clock yesterday afternoon. A cottage owned by Mr. Carl Mugge and occupied by Mr. Geo. Tilley, No. 507 South Sixth street, was damaged about $5.00. A defective chimney caused the fire.

— A case from Cape Fear township was tried in Justice Bunting's court yesterday. Dick Newsom and Sam Potter were charged with stealing potatoes from W. T. Ritter on the night of March 7th. A verdict of "no probable cause" was rendered.

— Yesterday at 11 o'clock in Justice Bunting's court a judgment of "no probable cause" was rendered in the case charging Mr. Paul Young with assault with a knife on Josie Drew. It appeared in evidence that the defendant acted as peace maker.

— The STAR acknowledges with thanks the receipt of three very fine heads of lettuce grown on Myrtle Sound by Messrs. B. B. and G. W. Trask. They shipped about 50 barrels yesterday, a part of which went to J. P. Moyer & Co., Philadelphia, represented in Wilmington by Mr. Jas. W. Barnes, Jr.

THE ARTESIAN WELL.

Mr. C. L. Parker, the Contractor, Has Arrived and Work Will Begin Promptly.

Mr. C. L. Parker, who has the contract for driving the artesian well for the Clarendon Water Works Company, arrived Sunday. A good deal of the material and implements for use in boring the well have arrived and the remainder—a car load from Baton Rouge, La.—is expected daily. When that arrives work will begin promptly. Messrs. Hanks and Stevens, foremen of the night and day gangs, will arrive to-day from Millsport, New York. The well will be driven a few feet from the one started by Mr. Storey.

Preparations for May Festival.

The Wilmington Musical Association held quite a satisfactory rehearsal of "Stabat Mater" for the great May festival last night in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium. The Association is making splendid progress and the rehearsals are well attended. It is expected that the canvass for the sale of tickets for the festival course of entertainments will soon be inaugurated. It was learned yesterday that in Nashville the sale of tickets for a similar course has already reached $1,500.00.

New S. A. L. Agent at Maxton.

The STAR learns that the Seaboard Air Line put on a new agent at Maxton yesterday. Mr. T. E. Evans, one of the best men in Maxton, and generally well liked, is the new appointee.

Previously he has been engaged as agent of the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Railroad at Maxton, and has fully demonstrated his ability to discharge successfully the duties of railroad agent. He succeeds Mr. S. J. Galbraith, resigned.

Activity at Norfolk Navy Yard.

A gentleman of this city who returned from Norfolk Sunday, and who while there took occasion to go over to the government navy yard, says the most vigorous preparations for war are going on. The pay roll shows employes numbering 3,800, whereas before the war excitement sprang up the figures were not half so large. The men are simply "spilin'" for a fight, too. They scorn the idea of a money indemnity for the loss of hundreds of American seamen.

THE CRIMINAL COURT

March Term Convened by Judge Sutton and a Number of Cases Tried.

GRAND AND PETIT JURIES.

The Judge's Charge—Several True Bills Returned by the Grand Jury—A Recess Taken Until 10 O'clock This Morning.

The March term of the New Hanover Circuit Criminal Court was convened at 10 A. M. yesterday by His Honor, Judge Thos. H. Sutton. The court officials were all at their posts and business was disposed of with considerable dispatch.

By 11 o'clock the grand jury had been duly empanneled and the Judge's charge delivered. The charge, by the way, was delivered with Judge Sutton's usual vigor and was a comprehensive synopsis of North Carolina's criminal law.

As soon as the grand jury had retired the court docket was called, the judge announcing that he would dispose first of those cases which had been pending in court for the longest time. Cases disposed of yesterday were as follows:

Clayton McLaurin, colored, was arraigned in two cases. One was nol prossed, and in the other a sentence of three months in the County House of Correction.

Lou Campbell, guilty of assault and battery with a deadly weapon; judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Ed. Branch, assault; submitted. Three months in County House of Correction.

W. R. Bradshaw, assault and battery with a deadly weapon; submitted and paid the costs.

Mary Houston, two cases, assault and battery with deadly weapon and carrying concealed weapon. Three months in the county work house for the former and judgment suspended in the latter case.

William Nixon, larceny; not guilty.

Joe Howe, trespass; judgment suspended on payment of costs.

S. Crunler, disturbing religious service; nol prossed.

C. H. Monroe, vagrancy; nol prossed.

Florence Smith, on appeal from a lower court; dismissed.

The grand jury empanneled for the term is as follows: D. H. Lippitt, B. I. Pickett, Joe Nixon, J. P. Walton, Sol. J. Jones, W. H. Gerken, E. H. Sneed, Jno. Mosely, J. P. Cotchett, J. E. Bizell, T. C. Braddy, J. B. Harrell, S. T. Hays, C. H. Alexander, L. Chapman, J. S. Sneeden, J. J. Hopkins and I. L. Greenwall.

The regular jury is composed of the following citizens: Ike T. Huggins, C. H. Gilbert, Geo. Reaves, Jno. Taylor, C. M. Harriss, R. H. Brady, Robt. Halsey, Lewis Everitt, Jno. R. Turrentine, Dave Littleton, Ebbin Horton, Dave Robinson, Sandy Hewlett and Luke Graddy.

The grand jury returned several true bills yesterday afternoon, none of them of public interest, however.

Court will convene this morning at 10 o'clock. A recess for dinner will be taken at 1 P. M. until 3 o'clock.

A PROWLIN' POSSUM.

"Bob" Tells the Story of Its Capture in the Yard of a Residence Sunday Night.

Bob, the porter at Mr. A. D. Brown's dry goods store, and the Daniel Boone as a "possum" hunter of this settlement, with the aid of "Dandy," the Scotch terrier, captured a fine possum in Mr. Brown's yard Sunday night. Bob describes the triumph as follows:

"You knowes I's stayen at de house in durance of de time de white folks is in New York and while I was setten on de front steps smoken my pipe des fore gwine to bed, Dandy tored round de house as fas as he could put his foots to de groun, barken every jump. Ses I to myself, you sholey is de biggest fool dog ater a cat I eber see. Presently I hear him bark like he got sumpen up a tree. I rais myself up and start round de house fas as I kin, for dat deblish corn on my left feets. I look and dar was Dandy hav sumpen treed in de little Summer house and I spec it nothen but a deblish old cat and when I punch it he run out on de vine and den I knock him off and when he hit de groun and Dandy on top den de fun commence. Presently I heard Dandy sing out ouch and I run to he rescue, but when I got dar de work was finished and dar lay de possum laffin, God knows, like he side would bust. But I'll tend to him now, more specially when I git him in de skillet wid dem sweet taters round him. Dat's Bob talken."

Jackson Mineral Springs.

The remarkable cures effected by the waters of Jackson Springs are rapidly bringing that North Carolina resort to the front rank. There is not a healthier spot in the world than the sand hills of Moore county, where Jackson Springs are located; but those who prefer to remain at home can buy the water by the case and have it forwarded on reasonable terms. Many of the cures reported are of persons who used the water at home. Read advertisement in the STAR.

Only One Crazy Prisoner Now.

Jailor King who went to Goldsboro Saturday with Martha Washington Jones, a colored insane woman, brought back with him Henry Middleton, a colored insane youth who has been turned over to his parents in this city. Mr. King still has one insane prisoner, Millie Jenkins. He does not know how long he will have to keep her.

THE LATE JNO. E. NIEMYER.

Funeral Sunday Afternoon—The Interment at Oakdale Cemetery.

There was a large crowd of friends and acquaintances at the funeral of the late Mr. Jno. E. Niemyer, which took place at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon from the residence, corner of Sixth and Orange streets, and thence to St. Paul's Lutheran church. Germania Lodge No. 2, Knights of Pythias, had charge of the exercises from the residence to the church, and the following representatives from that lodge acted as pall bearers: Messrs. F. W. Ortmann, J. G. L. Gieschen, S. Behrends, Sol. Bear, C. Schulken and C. H. Ganzer. The services were conducted by Rev. Dr. G. D. Bernheim. Appropriate hymns were rendered by a choir composed of Miss Elese Ortmann, Miss Mica Miller, Miss Minnie Glameyer and Mr. Will Rehder.

At the conclusion of the services at the church, the funeral was taken in hand by St. John's Lodge No. 1, of Masons, the pall-bearers being Messrs. R. C. Merritt, Jesse Wilder, O. M. Fillyaw and R. H. Brady, of St. John's Lodge, R. C. Cantwell, of Wilmington Lodge No. 319, and H. G. Smallbones, of Orient Lodge No. 395.

An unusually large number accompanied the remains to Oakdale, where the burial was made with Masonic honors by Past Master R. W. Price, assisted by W. M. M. S. Willard, of Orient Lodge No. 395, Rev. J. W. Kramer, of St. John's Lodge No. 1, acting as chaplain. There were many beautiful floral designs, among them one especially striking, the Masonic square and compass with the letter G, sent by St. John's Lodge No. 1.

SOMETHING OF A CURIOSITY.

A Seal Caught in a Shad Net in Cape Fear River.

A real live seal, except in the region of ice and snow, is something of a curiosity, but this same animal was caught at Fort Anderson Saturday night in the shad net of Messrs. Fales & Nixon by two well known fishermen, Messrs. Elijah Todd and Manning Holt, of Masonboro Sound.

He was seen a week or two ago and the fishermen were on the lookout for him. However they did not succeed in taking him alive, as he got tangled in the meshes of the net and was strangled to death.

Yesterday morning he was brought up to the city, where he was the object of much curious inquiry. He was on exhibition at Messrs. Fales & Nixon's fish stand. He measured 4 feet and 6 inches and weighed about 60 pounds.

The hide was sold to Mr. Samuel Bear. The flesh will be dried and the oil saved.

This is not the only seal that has been caught in these parts. Several years ago Mr. Eli Southerland caught one in Masonboro Sound alive and had him on exhibition in a show window on Front street.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

W. & W. Railroad—121 bales cotton, 2 bbls tar.
W., C. & A. Railroad—263 bales cotton, 17 bbls rosin, 49 bbls tar.
C. F. & Y. V. Railroad—23 bales cotton, 179 bbls rosin, 66 bbls tar.
W. & N. Railroad—82 bales cotton, 3 casks spirits turpentine.
Schooner J. D. Pigott—10 bbls rosin.
Schooner K. T. Willis—10 bales cotton, 5 casks spirits turpentine, 53 bbls rosin, 15 bbls tar.
Steamer Driver—36 bales cotton, 2 casks spirits turpentine, 38 bbls rosin, 88 bbls tar.
Total—Cotton, 535 bales; spirits turpentine, 10 casks; rosin, 297 bbls; tar, 220 bbls.

City of Charlotte on Exhibition till 2 O'clock This Afternoon.

Despite the threatening weather yesterday, there were crowds of people who went to see the North Carolina Car. Capt. W. H. Ramseur, one of the managers, left Sunday afternoon for Charlotte. The car leaves this afternoon at 3.20 o'clock for Lumberton, where it will next be on exhibit. It will not be open to visitors later than 2 o'clock.

The managers are well pleased with the patronage which the Wilmington people have given the car.

Mr. Strong Leaves To-day.

Mr. C. M. Strong, who for two years past has been in charge of the Weather Bureau here, will leave for his new post, Parkersburg, W. Va., to-day. During his stay in Wilmington Mr. Strong has by his genial manners and kindly disposition won a large number of friends, who regret to see him leave Wilmington. That, however, does not prevent them from wishing him success and happiness at Parkersburg. His family will join him there about May 1st.

Another Birthday Party.

Invitations were issued yesterday by the Oxford League of Fifth Street M. E. Church, announcing "Your Own Birthday Party," to be held Thursday evening, March 17th, from 8 to 11 o'clock, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. LeGwin, No. 421 South Fifth street. Neat little sacks were enclosed with instructions to return them at the door with a penny for each year of the person invited. The proceeds will be used for church purposes.

To City Subscribers.

City subscribers are earnestly requested to report promptly at the STAR office every failure of the carriers to deliver their papers. In all such cases steps will be taken to insure prompt and regular delivery.

ASSAULTED THE PREACHER.

Rev. J. J. Matthews Struck by Edgar Mintz Last Night at Union Baptist Church.

Edgar Mintz was lodged in jail last night by Justice Bornemann, charged with a disgraceful disturbance at the Union Baptist (Sanctificationist) Church, corner Eighth and Dawson streets, and also an assault and battery upon the pastor, Rev. J. J. Matthews. The warrant was sworn by Mr. C. T. Croom, who witnessed the disturbance and assault.

It appears that Mintz and several others were at the church drinking and were severely reprimanded by Rev. Mr. Matthews, and after the service Mintz stopped the minister in front of the church and demanded of him why he pointed his finger at him (Mintz) in church. Rev. Mr. Matthews disclaimed any intention of having done so and lifted his hands in prayer for Mintz who was drunk. While offering the prayer, Mintz dealt the preacher a heavy blow in the face, cutting a deep gash in his upper lip and causing his nose to bleed freely. Mintz will be given a trial this morning at 10 o'clock.

Ed Boderich was also arrested at the same time and place. His offence was using profane language. Both are in the countyjail awaiting trial.

MR. HANNA IS PARDONED.

The Governor Pardons Edwin H. Hanna Convicted of Larceny.

Some time ago the STAR stated that there were good reasons for believing that Mr. Edwin H. Hanna, the agent of the Immediate Benefit Life Insurance Company, of Baltimore, Md., who, at the January term of the Criminal Court, was convicted of larceny of an insurance policy by trick from Alice Faison, colored, and sentenced to imprisonment for two years in the State penitentiary, would receive full pardon from Governor Russell. A special telegram, printed this morning, confirms fully the STAR's forecast. Mr. Hanna was pardoned yesterday.

As the special states, the official notice with reasons for the pardon will be made public to-day. They will show that a compromise has been made that is satisfactory to the colored woman.

BATTERY FOR FORT CASWELL.

Reported to Have Left Norfolk Late Yesterday Afternoon for Wilmington.

A disappointed crowd of people came away from the A. C. L. depot yesterday afternoon. In some way it had gotten out that the battery of artillery which had been ordered to Fort Caswell would arrive at 5.50 o'clock and numbers of people turned out to see the soldiers. At Wilson also there was a large number of people waiting to see the soldiers pass.

Battery I will be here pretty soon, though, as will be seen from the following special telegram to the STAR received last night at 10.50 o'clock:

NORFOLK, VA., March 4.—Battery I left via the Norfolk and Carolina Railroad for Wilmington late this afternoon.

The artillerists will therefore arrive not later than 5.50 o'clock this afternoon, and there is a possibility that they will get here at 9.30 this morning.

Board of Health Meeting.

At the regular weekly meeting of the Wilmington Board of Health, held yesterday in Dr. McMillan's office, a resolution was passed instructing the secretary to purchase a large size disinfecting Kuhn formaldehyde generator.

Mr. Owen F. Love appeared before the Board and made a vigorous appeal for material changes in matters of sanitary plumbing. He advocated the employment of a "city plumber" who shall look after all sanitary plumbing. No action was taken by the Board. Some other matters of public interest were discussed in yesterday's meeting.

Members of the Board present were Doctors Wright, Russell, Thomas and McMillan.

Real Estate at Auction.

Yesterday at noon John D. Bellamy, Jr., Esq., commissioner, sold at public auction at the Court House door the house and lot on the east side of Fourth street, between Chesnut and Mulberry, formerly owned by the late D. A. Smith. Mr. S. Behrends was the purchaser, the price paid being $3,240. The bidding was spirited and opened at $2,000. Besides Mr. Behrends, Messrs. J. T. King, B. F. Keith and Daniel Quinlivan were among the bidders. The sale is subject to confirmation by the court. The lot is 66 by 220 feet and has a two-story house with nine rooms.

Four New Members Elected.

There was a monthly business meeting of the Wilmington Division of Naval Reserves last night. Four new members were elected, despite the war cloud. They were Messrs. E. R. Hughes, Jno. E. Cowell, Fred Furpless and J. H. LeGwin. No other business of special importance was transacted. President W. R. Middleton presided, and Lieutenant Junior Grade R. H. McKoy served as secretary in the absence of Secretary J. W. Freeman.

— Last night about 9 o'clock there was a cutting affray in the "hollow" in which a colored man had his coat cut. There was no arrests.

WILL SPAIN DECLARE WAR.

United States Will Not Be the Aggressor If War Shall Be the Result.

A CONSERVATIVE VIEW.

Four Demands of the United States, Neither of Which Would be Just Cause for War—Can Spain Afford to Face Certain Defeat.

As scores of people ask us every day: "Do you think there will be war?" We reproduce an editorial from the Philadelphia *Press* as reflecting the views of the STAR fully. The *Press* is a Republican paper, but it is very conservative on the war question, and stands very close to the McKinley administration. The *Press* says:

If war shall come between Spain and the United States, it will come from Spain. It is safe to say that the United States will take no action which will in itself be a just or necessary cause of war. The United States can accept a war which is forced upon it, but it cannot and will not make war. It will resolutely meet every issue before it, but it will take no step which constitutes a casus belli.

A demand for full reparation for the destruction of the Maine would not be a casus belli. Neither would be a proposal of mediation between the Spanish Government and the Cubans. Nor would a recognition of the belligerent rights of the Cuban insurgents. Going beyond this, a recognition of the independence of Cuba would not be a casus belli. The United States can take any of these steps without furnishing a just provocation of war.

Such a provocation will not come from the United States. This country wants peace, and it will do nothing which is incompatible with the honorable preservation of peace on both sides. If peace shall be disturbed it be because Spain does something which is not honorably obligatory and which renders war unavoidable. The responsibility of such action will be hers. It will come, if it comes at all, only because she wants war or because she is compelled to provoke and undertake it as the alternative of a more dreaded evil.

Is it to be believed that Spain will lightly incur such responsibility and such a fate? Remember what a war with the United States means for Spain. It means certain and crushing defeat. It means the inevitable loss of Cuba. It may mean other losses and other consequences unless she shall promptly sue for peace and accept terms. There is no possible consequence which Spain may suffer without war which she will not suffer with war, besides the added cost and distress of war itself.

Is it said that she will fight rather than lose Cuba? But she will certainly and swiftly lose Cuba if she does fight. Is it said that if she yields to just demands or inevitable necessities without making war she will be in danger of revolution? But will she be in less danger of revolution if she enters upon a war which is sure to end in defeat and disaster? May it not perhaps be easier to moderate and control an impassioned people before the peril of war than after the storm has passed and left its wreck? And may it not be the part of prudent statesmen, if the loss is certain, to see whether the disaster cannot be mitigated and whether some recompense cannot be found?

These things must be remembered and considered before war is regarded as unavoidable. The United States will not force war. It will meet all the requirements of the situation, but it will meet them in a way which will admit of just and peaceful acceptance. It will be true to its own honor and dignity, but it will furnish no casus belli. If peace shall not be maintained, it will be because Spain wills it otherwise, and it may well be doubted whether she will lightly take that responsibility.

A LETTER TO BE PROUD OF.

Among the many unpublished testimonials in the possession of Dr. Matthez, received by him during his former visit to Wilmington, is one which appears now for the first time, given by a gentleman whose name is highly respected in this community, Mr. S. H. Burtt, of the Standard Oil Co., a gentleman who is very careful in what he says:

MR. BURTT'S LETTER.

WILMINGTON, N. C., July 25, '96.
Dr. L. H. Matthez:

DEAR SIR:—To say that I am delighted with the glasses you adjusted to my eyes several weeks ago, would be expressing it mildly, in fact they are so comfortable, and helpful to my hard-worked eyes, that I can scarcely restrain myself from giving vent to what might be termed extravagant praise of them. To your skill, as an able oculo-opticist, I am indebted for this desirable result. Allow me to thank you for your patience and courtesy. Respectfully,

S. H. BURTT,
March 14th, 1898.

After nearly two years' hardest test and trial of the magnificent work done in my case, allow me to say that time has but added gratitude for what you have done for my eyes in the perfect adjustment of glasses, and that now I place with confidence my daughter's case in your care. Very truly,

S. H. BURTT.

The opportunity of consulting this eminent Oculo-Opticist at The Orton should not be missed.

DIED.

WRIGHT—This morning, at twenty minutes to four o'clock, MARY HOUSTON, infant daughter of Mary Wright and Robert H. Northrop; age six months and one week.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

March, April and May.

If you aint got 'em you might have 'em, and four ounces of prevention is worth tons of cure.

"Corneau's" Bed Bug Interceptic

Does the work quickly, quietly and p... antly. Most Drug Stores sell it.

In time of peace prepare for war. ...

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

A Card.

Our Stock of

Bananas

For To-day is limited, having only 50 Bunches on hand.

Our former Saturday's stock having ranged anywhere from 100 to 150 bunches. Call early in order to get your Saturday supply before our stock is exhausted.

PALACE BAKERY,

mar 12 tf 17 South Second Street.

THE PROPER THING.

A HAWES HAT.

Hawes

IT'S THE NEW STYLE AT THE OLD PRICE $3.00

I HAVE ACCEPTED THE AGENCY FOR this HAT and will guarantee it as good as any $5.00 Hat in the United States. Have just received the latest Spring style. Buy or not buy, call and look at them. Also remember that I have an elegant line of Gents' Furnishing Goods and Shoes. My goods are all fresh and of the latest styles.

A. SHRIER,
mar 11 tf 114 Market street.

DON'T

Be "Penny wise and pound foolish." Good health is far above the cost of food, therefore take no "just as good," but demand the best and the best is

Shield Brand Leaf Lard.

MERCHANTS

Desirous of getting full value and have a dead good seller in a Hand-made Long Havana Filler Cigar of the best quality and equal to Imported, buy

"Renown," "Tropical Twist Head"

5c Cigars.

These brands are superceding all others and a trial is what does the convincing.

Vollers & Hashagen,

SELLING AGENTS.

Provisions, Lard, &c., &c.

mar 6 tf

More New PIANOS By Steamer This Week,

Making our stock the most complete one in the State.

If you are in want of a first class article at a low price you will find that our Establishment offers you advantages.

We are always ready to show our Instruments, whether you purchase or not.

E. VAN LAER,

feb 8 tf 402 and 404 North Fourth Street. tu th sa

Goods Up to Date.

PRICES DOWN TO ZERO.

Terms, net cash, no discount, no time, no credit.

We will help you get a nest egg in the Building and Loan or the Savings Bank if you will trade with us.

The King Grocery Co.,

B. F. KING, MANAGER,

'Phone 287. Fourth Street Bridge.
mar 13 tf

Special Cut on No. 1 Sugar-Cured Hams,

10c Per Lb.

Can't Be Beat.

S. W. SANDERS,

mar 13 tf AT THE UNLUCKY CORNER.

PROPOSALS

Will be received at the Mayor's Office until

FRIDAY, APRIL 1st, 1898,

At 12 noon, for furnishing the

Police Force and Fire Department with Uniforms.

Samples of Cloth must accompany the proposal.

SILAS P. WRIGHT,
mar 15 tf Mayor.

Carolina Yacht Club.

The regular annual ... Carolina Yacht ... the City Hall ... P. M. ... portant ...

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THE WEEKLY STAR is published every Friday morning at $1.00 per year, 60 cents for six months, 30 cents for three months.

All announcements of Fairs, Festivals, Balls, Hops, Picnics, Society Meetings, Political Meetings, &c., will be charged regular advertising rates.

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The Morning Star.

BY WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

TUESDAY MORNING, MARCH 15

HOW PROTECTION CRIPPLES.

Persons who are familiar with the ship-building business assert that ships can be built as cheaply in this country as in England, because while the wages of the workmen may be somewhat higher here, the greater efficiency of the machinery in our ship yards much more than offsets any difference in wages. Mr. Carnegie, whose experience and large operations in the manufacture of iron and steel for ships, gives his opinion much weight, says if a ship yard were established at New York it could do a profitable business and compete successfully with foreign ship yards. All the vessels built for our lake and coastwise trade are built in American yards, which gives all the proof needed that we have all the mechanical skill necessary for the building of ships, while some of the ocean steamers turned out by the Cramps give proof that we can build as good vessels as can be built anywhere in the world.

If we can build as cheaply or more cheaply than other nations can, and can build as good ships as any nation can, why is it that we have so few upon the high seas? Because while our ship builders can build as cheaply as as the builders in other nations they will not sell as cheaply, and they compel the American capitalist who wishes to put money in ships to go abroad to buy them unless he is willing to pay a big bonus to the American ship builders for the privilege of flying his own flag over his own ship. The result of this is that when an American wants to engage in the ocean-carrying business he crosses the sea to buy his ships and then sails them under some foreign flag, because the laws of his country deny him the privilege of raising his own flag over the ship built in a foreign country.

But why does the American-built ship cost more when it can be built as cheaply if not more cheaply than the foreign built ship? While the protective tariff taxes heavily some of the materials used in the building of ships and thus increases the cost, the denial to the American capitalist of the privilege of floating the American flag over a foreign ship cuts off competition of foreign ship builders, gives the American builder a monopoly of the business and enables him to charge a higher price for his work than he would demand if he had to meet foreign competition. If there were no such legislation as that, if ship-building material which it may be necessary to import were admitted free of duty and capitalists were free to go where they pleased to buy ships and could sail them as American ships, the American flag would soon again be a familiar sight upon the seas. But now the citizen of the United States who wants to engage in ocean traffic must either pay a heavy bonus for the privilege of sailing under our flag or he must swallow his national pride and sail under the flag of some country which shows more sense in that respect than his own country does.

As an illustration of what this bonus is the New York *Journal of Commerce* quotes the New York and Porto Rico Steamship Company as saying that if they had built in this country one of the steamers which they have recently purchased abroad it would have cost them from fifty thousand to seventy-five thousand dollars more than they paid for it, and that one they are now having built at Bath, Maine, will cost them [illegible] thousand dollars more than they [illegible] similar vessel built for in [illegible] many. This is the [illegible] pay to the [illegible] to protect [illegible] builder, [illegible] partial [illegible] him [illegible] for ocean service or even protect him from the competition of the foreign builders of ships for this service. All it does is to drive the American abroad to buy ships for ocean traffic, to raise another flag and to add more ships to foreign merchant fleets, which would go to make an American merchant marine if the American ship sailer were given fair play by the law-makers of his own country.

If our ship yards can turn out ships, and as good ships, as cheaply as foreign builders can, and if this protective legislation does not give them any advantage in competing with foreigners in building ships for ocean service, where is the sense or use in continuing it when the only effect is to impose heavy tribute on the buyers of ships, to drive American capitalists who wish to engage in ocean carrying to buy ships, and to keep the American flag from floating on the seas, and to prevent the re-establisment of the American merchant marine which forty years ago was the second in the world.

The penalty which this country is paying for giving to a few favored ship builders a protection which is not needed as far as ships for the home trade is concerned and a protection which does not protect, (if protection were necessary,) as far as ships for ocean traffic are concerned is the non-existence of a merchant marine and a tribute of about $300,000,000 a year which American shippers pay to the owners of foreign ships for carrying our exports and imports. Isn't this a pretty heavy penalty to pay for a protection which is not needed for ships for home service, the effect of which is to create an extortionate monopoly, and does not protect ships for the high seas? Instead of compelling American capitalists to pay this bonus to our ship builders it would be more business-like to pay them a bonus to go out of the business, if they can't sell ships as cheaply as foreign builders can when they can build them as cheaply if not more cheaply.

MINOR MENTION.

If any reliance is to be placed on the dispatches from Washington the administration has evidently determined to saddle the responsibility, directly or indirectly, upon the Spanish government for the destruction of the Maine. This has been indicated for some time, but the late dispatches give more point and positiveness to the indications than they ever had before, and leave the inference that the question of peace or war hinges altogether on the course that Spain may pursue. Realizing the effect that the existence of mines in the harbor of Havana would have in influencing public opinion as to the cause of the destruction of the Maine, Spanish officials have empatically denied the existence of any submarine mines. Senor Du Bosc, who represented his Government at Washington in the interval between the departure of Minister De Lome and the arrival of his successor, unreservedly denied the existence of mines of any description, and he was corroborated by Gen. Weyler, who positively declared that no mines had been laid during his administration in Cuba, but these statements have been contradicted by others who declared that they knew there were mines there, by manufacturers who asserts that they sold torpedoes intended for use in mines, and last by a German sea captain whose story is told in Sunday's STAR to the effect that he was warned on entering the harbor a couple years ago that they were then laying torpedoes, and that he had to wait sometimes outside until it was pronounced safe for him to enter. Here is a very material contradiction as to the existence of mines, a matter which will have great bearing upon Spain's responsibility, which she fully realizes judging from the persistency with which she denies their existence. If mines were there and the Maine with the knowledge of the Spanish authorities was moored over one of them she cannot escape the responsibility for the fearful tragedy which followed.

It seems that Senator Butler has Republican allies in his fight against the confirmation of Ewart as District Judge. One of these is Hon. Virgil S. Lusk, of Buncombe, who at one time was District Attorney and liked it so well that he would, doubtless, like to repeat. According to his statement in Raleigh, as reported by our correspondent, Ewart isn't even a $20 lawyer, and seems to have been doing a sort of retail law business without any authority or license. It would be somewhat odd to have a man sitting on the District bench as a U. S. Judge who couldn't show his papers as a lawyer, but sometimes some very poorly equipped men are put into positions of that kind where they have to do most of their law studying after they become the interpreters of the law. In reply to the assertion that statesman Lusk knocks himself out as a protestor by the fact that he voted for Ewart as a candidate for a judgeship, we suppose he will say that he knows more now than he did then; but Ewart may have read some law since then and may possibly now be as good a lawyer as Lusk, and that wouldn't immortalize him in the profession.

In an article some time ago when there was much talk about and much apprehension as to the result of war with Spain or any other country on account of the unprotected condition of our coast cities, and our generally unprepared condition to wage war, we spoke of the resourceful energy of this country in preparing for emergencies, and the rapidity with which she could and would utilize her resources to put herself in a position to make or meet attack. We have ample verification of this in the superlatively fine exhibition of this energy which has been witnessed for the past few weeks in putting the country in shape for war, an energy which no other country in the world could surpass. In connection with the promptness and unanimity with which Congress voted the President $50,000,000, and the solidity of the American people in the support of the Government, we here have an object lesson which other nations may study with advantage before they undertake to tackle Uncle Sam.

A judge in the District of Columbia is commended by some of the papers for varying the monotony in the hanging business by sentencing a man to be hanged on Thursday instead of on the traditional regulation Friday, but the fellow who is to be hanged isn't particularly enthusiastic over the departure he inaugurates. Several of our North Carolina judges set the precedent for that District of Columbia judge, the opinion down here being that a fellow can be as successfully hanged on any day as on Friday.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—— It appears that Senator Proctor took his little trip to Cuba in order to examine the newly-established autonomy. Unless he carried twin-screw microscopes, we fear he found nothing to examine.—*Norfolk Landmark, Dem.*

—— Chief Signal Officer Greeley has called the attention of the War Department to the fact that there is neither telegraphic nor telephonic communication with any of the forts along our coasts. It is a Providential scare that opens our eyes to the primitive condition of our war footing.—*Philadelphia Record, Dem.*

—— The United States Government will feel compelled to decline with thanks the proposition of an enthusiastic member of the British Parliament to place her Majesty's fleet at its disposal in case of war with Spain. Our traditional policy of avoiding "entangling foreign alliances" would forbid its acceptance, and we do not need it, anyway. We can attend to the Spanish business ourselves.—*Philadelphia Ledger, Ind.*

—— Once upon a time during the late war a Federal monitor went ashore on Morris Island and was abandoned, with her guns. A wrecking crew of Confederates went out to the wreck, cut open the turret with cold chisels, raised the great gun out, took it to Fort Sumter and mounted it, and turned it upon its former owners. If the big guns of the Maine are to be abandoned by the American wreckers they should be left in such condition as to render impossible their usefulness to anybody.—*Savannah News, Dem.*

TWINKLINGS.

— Rye—He always sings at his work

Alto—What does he do?

Rye—He's a vocalist.—*New York Evening Journal.*

— "What," cried the orator fiercely, "what, I ask, causes poverty?" And from the back of the hall a hoarse voice answered: "Lack of cash."—*Harlem Life.*

Promoting Peace—"I have here," said the caller, "a poem advocating peace." "I suppose," asked the editor, "that you honestly and sincerely desire peace?" "Yes, sir." "Then burn the poem."—*Philadelphia North American.*

— Bobbie—"As I understand it, the foolish maidens who had no oil in their lamps could not get in?" Teacher—"Precisely. And nowadays the foolish maidens who have no oil in their bike lamps get pulled in."—*Yonkers Statesman.*

— "You have broken my heart!" wailed the rejected lover.

The handsome young woman doctor impulsively seized his hand and felt his pulse.

"No, Harry," she said. "Your heart is all right. It's your liver."—*Chicago Tribune.*

— The Earnest Woman—"Then you do not believe that women should be the intellectural peer of man?"

The Savage Bachelor—"Madam, I do not, because I think it is not for mortals to find fault with the decrees of Divine Providence."—*Indianapolis Journal.*

— "Witness," said the cross-examining lawyer, "are you willing to swear that the prisoner was smoking a pipe at the time?" "No, sir," replied the witness; "I never swear. But I am willing to bet you $10 to $5 that he was."—*Chicago News.*

— Warned in time: Minnie—"Gracious me! Here is a letter from some Eastern firm offering to send me a dozen cabinet photographs of myself free if I will send them my picture." Mamie—"Don't you send it, dear. Most likely they are in the comic supplement business."—*Indianapolis Journal.*

Beats the Klondike.

Mr. A. C. Thomas, of Marysville, Tex., has found a more valuable discovery than has yet been made in the Klondike. For years he suffered untold agony from consumption, accompanied by hemorrhages; and was absolutely cured by Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. He declares that gold is of little value in comparison with this marvelous cure; would have it, even if it cost a hundred dollars a bottle. Asthma, Bronchitis and all throat and lung affections are positively cured by Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. Trial bottles free at R. R. BELLAMY'S Drug Store. Regular size 50 cts. and $1.00. Guaranteed to cure or price refunded. †

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Fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher. is on every wrapper

PICTURES FROM LIFE.

Many Women Have Passed Through The Same Experience and With Equally Happy Results.

She had once been a beautiful and attractive woman. Her friends adored her; even strangers admired her. She was still young—but why had her friends deserted her? It is the usual story. She had lost her health; her complexion had faded; as a result her disposition was soured. How could she attract or hold friends? Impossible.

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A year later.

She is the same woman, but how changed! Hosts of friends surround her; her eyes are sparkling, her cheeks glow; her complexion is superb—she is happy.

Do you wonder what made the change? Read, then, the experience of Mrs. Bella Hoffa, of McEwensville, Pa.:

"Some six years ago," she said, "I was troubled severely with disease of the kidneys, and I will never be able to tell how much I suffered. I tried all kinds of remedies, but could find no permanent relief. Finally I allowed myself to be persuaded by Mrs. Simon Cameron to try Warner's Safe Cure with the assurance that it would relieve me. She had suffered in the same way for many years, and had found great help by its use. I am happy to say that Safe Cure benefited me from the time I began using it. I was entirely free from all my pains, and have been in perfect health ever since. I cannot say too much for Warner's Safe Cure, as I believe it gave me the perfect health I now enjoy."

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Goldsboro *Argus:* There are now about four hundred and thirty inmates in the Eastern Insane Asylum near this city.

— Winston *Sentinel:* It turns out that the old man who was found strangled in a cave near Morganton went by the name of Dr. Lafette, and that his child, who was also murdered in the same way, was a little girl. The murder was undoubtedly committed by moonshiners, who had an idea that the old man was an informer.

— Red Springs *Citizen:* There is a species of small terrapin in Little Raft swamp that has two heads. We have seen two specimens and have heard of others being caught. —— The quantity of fertilizers being hauled from the station here to the surrounding country does not indicate that less cotton will be planted this year than usual. Our money crop is cotton, but we must adopt new methods or hard times will ever be with us.

— Enfield *Enterprise:* Friday night of last week Dr. Whitaker received a hasty summons to go at once to the house of Lucy Whitaker, (colored) who lives near town. Arriving there, the doctor found three or four children stretched out as limber as "dishrags" and in a precarious condition. An examination revealed the fact that they were under the influence of a narcotic poison, The mother of the children upon being questioned said that they had been eating what they thought was artichoke, but which was in reality poke root. The proper antidotes were quickly applied, and under Dr. Whitaker's skillful treatment the children were soon out of danger.

— Charlotte *News:* Dr. John Mason Strong, one of the oldest physicians of Mecklenburg county, died very suddenly at his home in Steel Creek last (Friday) night shortly before midnight. Dr. Strong went on his regular founds yesterday and returned home about sunset. He had been complaining of something like congestion for several days, but did not seem to think that his trouble was serious. After retiring last night, he suddenly became much worse. The remedies he prescribed seemed to benefit him but little. He continued to grow worse, and a few minutes before midnight, the spirit of this good man whose life was spent in administering to the ills of others, passed to its reward. —— There was a mad dog excitement in Sharon yesterday. The dog first appeared at Mr. Rufus Price's, where it showed unmistakable signs of hydrophobia. The dog came into the porch and was knocked out with a chair, by Mr. Price. From Mr. Price's it was chased about half a mile and killed in front of Mr. Steward Yandle's. Fortunately only one other dog was bitten by the mad dog.

The greater includes the less. Hood's Sarsaparilla cures scrofula, and may be depended upon to cure boils and pimples. †

Novel Reading.

The late Mr. Boyesen, in The Forum, speaking of excess of novel reading, says: "Who that has read Rousseau's 'Confessions' will fail to remember the emphatic avowal that he was unfitted for life by the reading of novels? Like the opium habit, the craving for fiction grew upon him, until the fundamental part of him had suffered irreparable harm. He is not the only one who has experienced detrimental effects from dwelling too long in the pleasant land of romance. As soon as a man—and particularly a child—gets acclimated there he is likely to become of very small account, as far as reality is concerned. He becomes less and less able to apply sound standards of judgment to the things of this world, and as the success in life for which we are striving depends primarily upon this ability to see things straight and to judge them clearly no one can escape the conclusion that a large consumption of romantic fiction tends distinctly to disqualify a man for worldly success."

From Appearances.

Armson—That's Muggins. He was pretty badly hurt in a fight the other day.

De Manising—Where?

"On the West Side."

"He walks as if he'd been hurt a little on the east side too."—Chicago Tribune.

An English beauty was in the habit of curling her hair with £5 Bank of England notes. She occasionally showed herself to visitors with her hair in this costly paper. She soon captured a wealthy husband, who discovered that she was a deceiver, for she had borrowed the money she had displayed.

I have been afflicted with rheumatism for fourteen years, and nothing seemed to give any relief. I was able to be around all the time, but constantly suffering. I had tried everything I could hear of, and at last was told to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm, which I did, and was immediately relieved and in a short time cured. I am happy to say that it has not since returned.—Josh Edgar, Germantown, Cal. For sale by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. †

AERIAL SHIPS IN WAR.

A Military Expert Points Out Their Destructive Possibility.

Captain Sir B. Baden-Powell, a distinguished military authority, warns the governments of all nations that they had better put bomb-proof roofs on their forts if they want to stand any chance whatever of winning the next war in which they engage. Captain Powell says that an aerial warship is an absolute certainty and that the military genius of the future will have to look out for bombs overhead, instead of in front or behind. In other words, Captain Powell states that the fort without a roof will be about as useful as the fifth wheel of a wagon.

When questioned about the matter, Captain Powell said: "While we have time let us take what precaution we may for our defense. It may be possible to protect, to some extent, our fortification by means of sloping, bombproof roofs over the more vunerable portions. The gun must be made capable of firing upward. During the siege of Paris the Germans had a number of guns specially made on swivel mountings for firing at balloons, though it is also true that very few of them were hit during the siege. Rockets might perhaps prove more useful. The only really efficient means of defense, however, will undoubtedly be for every army and every government to make themselves equal, if not superior, to their enemies with aerial armaments.

"I think we may at all events consider it a fact that aerial machines will figure to a great extent in the wars of the future. These may be the existing cumbersome windbag, traveling with difficulty 14 miles an hour, or they may be balloons so improved as to go 20 or 30 miles an hour.

"It is also possible that a slow progressing flying engine may be introduced, or that finally some swift, darting 'aviativa,' traversing over 100 miles in the hour and outstripping the fastest flying bird, will be the foe with which we shall contend. Even if the existing navigable balloon be not greatly improved upon—if we consider the advantages that France actually possesses today—we see then many occasions on which this invention will be of the greatest value.

"Every nation has this problem to consider as it is at present situated, with the possible exception of Russia. Should some foreign nation produce an engine of war such as a dynamite carrying aerostat, there is no certainty that the others would be able at once to imitate it and employ similar tactics. It is more than probable that the new inventions of this sort could easily be kept secret, since the difficulties chiefly lie in the details.

"In fact, it may be said that efficient machines of many descriptions could probably be easily made if only we could turn out a suitable lightweight motor. Now, a motor, whether it be steam, electric, gas, explosive or any other, can easily be kept a secret."—Pall Mall Gazette.

He, Too, Tasted Olives.

"My mouth is all in a pucker since I ate those olives," she said as she turned her sparkling eyes full upon him.

And he was not at all like a young man who could not grasp the suggestions of the situation.—Detroit Free Press.

Dr. Miles' Heart Cure

Cures a Prominent Attorney.

MR. R. C. PHELPS, the leading pension attorney of Belfast, N. Y., writes: "I was discharged from the army on account of ill health, and suffered from heart trouble ever since. I frequently had fainting and smothering spells. My form was as bent as a man of 80. I constantly wore an overcoat, even in summer, for fear of taking cold. I could not attend to my business. My rest was broken by severe pains about the heart and left shoulder. Three years ago I commenced using Dr. Miles' Heart Cure, notwithstanding I had used so much patent medicine and taken drugs from doctors for years without being helped. Dr. Miles' Heart Cure restored me to health. It is truly a wonderful medicine and it affords me much pleasure to recommend this remedy to everyone."

Dr. Miles' Remedies are sold by all druggists under a positive guarantee, first bottle benefits or money refunded. Book on diseases of the heart and nerves free. Address,

DR. MILES MEDICAL CO., Elkhart, Ind.

Use Dr. Miles' NERVE PLASTERS for SPINAL WEAKNESS. All druggists sell 'em for 25c.

No morphine or opium in Dr. Miles's PAIN PILL CURE All Pain. "One cent a dose."

For sale by all Druggists. Change je 25 1y sa tu th

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in the Port of Wilmington, N. C., March 15, 1898.

SCHOONERS.

D J Sawyer, 288 tons, Kelley, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.
Margaret B Roper, 408 tons, Cranmer, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.
Joel Cook, 381 tons, Frazier, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.
Robert A Snow, 125 tons, Pillsbury. Geo Harriss, Son & Co.
Ira B Ellems, 262 tons, Marston, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.
Sarah D Rawson, 292 tons, French, Jas T Riley & Co.
Victory (Br) 131 tons, Munro, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.
Roger Moore, 277 tons, Miller, Jas T Riley & Co.

STEAMSHIPS.

Kimon (Austrian), 1,244 tons, Saha, Powers, Gibbs & Co.
Cambay (Br), 1693 tons, Rees, Alex Sprunt & Son.

BARQUES.

Ruth (Nor), 445 tons, Olsen, Alex Sprunt & Son.
Broderene (Nor), 631 tons, Kildahl, Heide & Co.
Triumph (Nor), 537 tons, Carlsen, Jas T Riley & Co.

The gambling game "craps," which so deeply engrosses the "triflin" kind of colored men in the south, was invented by the aristocratic Marquis Bernard de Marigny of New Orleans, who entertained Louis Philippe when the latter visited Louisiana.

Coaches are said to have been invented in Hungary and called "kotzey"—in French, "coche"—and were introduced into England in the reign of Queen Elizabeth. They were then termed "whirlicotes," a name long since sunk into oblivion.

A monument has been erected at Boulogne in honor of L'Hoste, the French aeronaut who first crossed from France to England in a balloon. He crossed three times successfully, but was drowned in the fourth attempt.

Hood's Pills

Restore full, regular action of the bowels, do not irritate or inflame, but leave all the delicate digestive organism in perfect condition. Try them. 25 cents. Prepared only by C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

Ask Your DRUGGIST for a generous 10 CENT TRIAL SIZE.

Ely's Cream Balm

contains no cocaine, mercury nor any other injurious drug. It is quickly Absorbed. Gives Relief at once. It opens and cleanses the Nasal Passages. Allays Inflammation. Heals and Protects the Membrane. Restores the Senses of Taste and Smell. Full Size 50c.; Trial Size 10c.; at Druggists or by mail.

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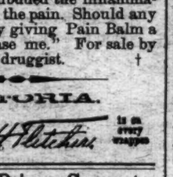

COLD IN HEAD

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Send your address to H. E. Bucklen & Co., Chicago, and get a free sample of Dr. King's New Life Pills. A trial will convince you of their merits. These pills are easy in action and are particularly effective in the cure of Constipation and Sick Headache. For Malaria and Liver troubles they have been proved invaluable. They are guaranteed to be perfectly free from every deleterious substance and to be purely vegetable. They do not weaken by their action, but by giving tone to the stomach and bowels greatly invigorate the system. Regular size 25c. per box. Sold by R. R. BELLAMY, Druggist. †

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Wholesale Prices Current.

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☞ The following quotations represent Wholesale Prices generally. In making up small orders higher prices have to be charged.

BAGGING—			
2 ℔ Jute		@	6½
Standard		@	7½
WESTERN SMOKED—			
Hams ℔ ℔	12	@	14
Sides ℔ ℔	6	@	7½
Shoulders ℔ ℔	6	@	7½
DRY SALTED—			
Sides ℔ ℔	5½@		6
Shoulders ℔ ℔		@	5½
BARRELS-Spirits Turpentine—			
Second-hand, each	1 00	@	1 10
New New York, each		@	1 30
New City, each		@	1 20
BEESWAX ℔ ℔		@	22
BRICKS—			
Wilmington ℔ M	5 00	@	7 00
Northern	9 00	@	14 00
BUTTER—			
North Carolina ℔ ℔	15	@	18
Northern	18	@	22
CORN MEAL—			
Per bushel, in sacks	45	@	48
Virginia Meal	46	@	48
COTTON TIES ℔ bundle		@	85
CANDLES— ℔ ℔			
Sperm	18	@	25
Adamantine	8	@	10
CHEESE— ℔ ℔			
Northern Factory	10	@	11
Dairy, Cream		@	11
State	10½@		12
COFFEE— ℔ ℔			
Laguyra	12	@	16
Rio	7½@		10
DOMESTICS—			
Sheeting, 4-4, ℔ yard		@	1½@
Yarns, ℔ bunch	18	@	30
EGGS— ℔ dozen	10	@	11
FISH—			
Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ barrel	22 00	@	30 00
Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ half-bbl.	11 00	@	15 00
Mackerel, No. 2, ℔ barrel	16 00	@	18 00
Mackerel, No. 2 ℔ half-bbl.	8 00	@	9 00
Mackerel, No. 3, ℔ barrel	13 00	@	14 00
Mullets, ℔ barrel	2 50	@	3 50
Mullets, ℔ pork barrel		@	5 50
N. C. Roe Herring, ℔ keg	3 00	@	3 25
Dry Cod, ℔ ℔	5	@	10
Extra	4 25	@	3 50
FLOUR— ℔ ℔—			
Low grade		@	4 00
Choice		@	4 00
Straight		@	5 25
First Patent	5 50	@	6 00
GLUE— ℔ ℔	7½@		8½
GRAIN— ℔ bushel—			
Corn, from store, bgs—White		@	48
Car load, in bags—White		@	47
Oats, from store		@	40
Oats, Rust Proof		@	45
Cow Peas		@	60
HIDES— ℔ ℔—			
Green		@	8
Dry		@	19
HAY, ℔ 100 ℔s—			
Clover Hay	80	@	85
Rice Straw		@	50
Eastern		@	90
Western		@	85
North River		@	75
HOOP IRON, ℔ ℔	1½@		10
LARD, ℔ ℔—			
Northern	5½@		6
North Carolina	6	@	10
LIME, ℔ barrel	1 15	@	1 25
LUMBER (city sawed) ℔ M ft—			
Ship Stuff, resawed	18 00	@	20 00
Rough-edge Plank	15 00	@	16 00
West India cargoes, according to quality	13 00	@	18 00
Dressed Flooring, seasoned	18 00	@	22 00
Scantling and Board, com'n	14 00	@	15 00
MOLASSES, ℔ gallon—			
Barbadoes, in hogshead		@	26
Barbadoes in barrels		@	28
Porto Rico, in hogsheads		@	27
Porto Rico, in barrels		@	28
Sugar-House, in hogsheads	12	@	14
Sugar-House, in barrels	14	@	15
Syrup, in barrels	12	@	15
NAILS, ℔ keg, Cut, 60d basis	1 45	@	1 50
PORK, ℔ barrel—			
City Mess	11 50	@	12 00
Rump		@	11 50
Prime		@	11 50
ROPE, ℔ ℔	10	@	22
SALT, ℔ sack Alum		@	1 10
Liverpool		@	65
Liverpool,		@	
American		@	55
On 125 ℔ Sacks		@	45
SHINGLES, 2-inch, ℔ M	5 00	@	6 50
Common	1 40	@	2 25
Cypress Saps	2 50	@	3 50
SUGAR, ℔ ℔—Standard Gran'd		@	5½
Standard A		@	5¼
White Extra C		@	5
Extra C, Golden		@	4¾
C, Yellow		@	4¾
SOAP, ℔ ℔—Northern	3½@		4
STAVES, ℔ M—W. O. barrel	6 00	@	14 00
R. O. Hogshead		@	10 00
TIMBER, ℔ M feet—Shipping		@	9 00
Mill, Prime		@	7 00
Mill, Fair		@	6 00
Common Mill	4 00	@	3 50
Inferior to Ordinary		@	3 00
SHINGLES, N. C. Cypress sawed ℔ M 6x24 heart	7 50	@	8 50
" Sap	5 00	@	6 00
6x24 Heart	4 50	@	5 50
" Sap	4 00	@	4 50
6x24 Heart	6 00	@	6 50
" Sap	5 00	@	5 50
TALLOW, ℔ ℔		@	6
WHISKEY, ℔ gallon-Northern	1 00	@	2 00
North Carolina	1 00	@	2 00
WOOL ℔ ℔—Unwashed	8	@	15

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WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, March 14.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.—Nothing doing.

ROSIN.—Market firm at $1.25 per bbl for Strained and $1.30 for Good Strained.

TAR.—Market firm at $1.00 per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE.—Nothing doing.

Quotations same day last year.—Spirits turpentine steady, 26½, 26c; rosin firm, $1.45, $1.50; tar firm, $1.00; crude turpentine quiet, $1.30, $1.80,

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	10
Rosin	297
Tar	220
Crude Turpentine	0

Receipts same day last year.—20 casks spirits turpentine, 176 bbls rosin, 306 bbls tar, 5 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market firm on a basis of 5¼c per pound for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	3 5-16	cts. ℔ lb.
Good Ordinary	4¼	" "
Low Middling	5 5-16	" "
Middling	5¾	" "
Good Middling	6	" "

Same day last year, middling 7c.

Receipts—535 bales; same day last year, 33.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina—Prime, 40@50c per bushel of 28 pounds; Extra Prime, 55c; Fancy, 60. Virginia—Extra Prime, 55c; Fancy, 60c.

CORN—Firm; 47½@50 cents per bushel.

ROUGH RICE—$1.00@1.05 per bushel.

N. C. BACON—steady; hams 8 to 9c per pound; shoulders, 6 to 7c; sides, 7 to 8c.

SHINGLES—Per thousand, five inch, hearts and saps, $1.60 to $2.25; six inch, $2.25 to 3.25; seven inch, $5.50 to 6.50.

TIMBER—Market steady at $3.00 to $7.50 per M.

FINANCIAL MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, March 14.—Money on call steady at 2@2½ per cent., with last loan at 2½ per cent. Prime mercantile paper 4½@5½ per cent. Sterling exchange soft, with actual business in bankers' bills 483¾ for demand and 480¾ sixty days. Posted rates 482@483 and 485@485½. Commercial bills 480. Silver certificates at 54⅜@55¼. Bar silver 54¼. Mexican dollars 44¼. Government bonds were quoted weak; U. S. new 4's, registered 121; do. coupon, 121; U. S. 4's 110; do. coupon, 111; U. S. 2's, 98¾; U.S. 5's, registered, 110½; do. 5's, coupon, 110¾. State bonds dull; N. C. 6's 125; do. 4's 103.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, March 14.—Rosin was steady. Spirits turpentine steady at 36@36½c.

CHARLESTON, March 14.—Spirits turpentine firm at 35½c; no sales. Rosin firm and unchanged; no sales.

SAVANNAH, March 14.—Spirits turpentine—nothing doing; receipts 287 casks. Rosin was firm; sales of 1,085 barrels; receipts 1,328 barrels: A, B, C, D $1 20, E $1 25, F $1 35, G $1 45, H $1 50

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A Young Man Who Found It Cheaper to Travel Without Change.

"Washington, from what I have seen of it, is a peculiar place," said the visiting young man to a reporter.

"I'll tell you why I think so," he continued. "The other day I was going over to Baltimore, and on consulting my watch discovered I had but a few minutes in which to catch my train. I struck the avenue at Fourteenth street and boarded a car.

"When the conductor came round for my fare, I put my hand in my pocket and found I had nothing less than a $5 bill. The conductor glanced at it, then at me, and shook his head disapprovingly.

"'I can't change that,' he said.

"I told him it was the smallest I had, but he said then he could not change anything larger than a $2 bill; that they were not required by law to do so. I began to think I would have to get off and walk, when he came to my relief by saying that I could get the bill changed and pay him at the end of the line, near the depot.

"I thought this was very considerate. When we reached the terminus, I told the conductor that I could have the $5 changed and pay him, starting for a place on the corner.

"'That's all right. Go on! Go on!' he told me, waving his hand as if he owned the railroad.

"However, I tried to have the bill broken unsuccessfully. Just then I remembered I wished to communicate something to a friend up town and asked if I could use a pay telephone in a corner of the room.

"'You could use it all right if you had 10 cents in change,' the proprietor told me, 'but you haven't it. Come back here in my office and use my private phone. That's all right,' when I was profuse in my thanks.

"Say, do you know what I think," continued the young man. "I believe I could get a $100 bill and live in the capital for weeks for nothing, simply by getting things and shoving it under the noses of the people I purchased from. They would rather give them to me than take the trouble to break it."

And then he remarked that the only difficulty would be in securing the bill in the first place.—Washington Star.

LAKE MYSTERIES.

The Subterranean River Said to Exist Between Superior and Ontario.

"I believe there is a subterranean river running from Lake Superior through Lakes Huron and Michigan, under Lake Erie, and emptying into Lake Ontario," said a man from up the state. "There is no other theory by which certain mysteries of the great lakes may be explained. The surface of Lake Superior is about 650 feet above tide, while its bed is 260 feet below tide level. Lake Huron's surface is 50 feet below that of Lake Superior, and its bed is about on a level with Superior's bed. The surface of Lake Michigan is 300 feet lower than Lake Huron's, and its bed is sunk to a corresponding distance to the level of Lakes Superior and Huron. Lake Erie's surface is nearly as high as Lake Michigan's, being 565 feet above tide, but its bed is also above tide, being 350 feet above the ocean level, consequently its bed is 250 feet higher than the beds of Lakes Michigan, Huron and Superior. The surface of Lake Ontario is the lowest of all the lakes, being less than 500 feet above tide, but its bed is 260 feet below the ocean level, or on about the same level with Lakes Michigan, Huron and Superior. So there is a continuous fall from Lake Superior to Lake Ontario, and all the known outlet that the upper lakes have is in the comparatively insignificant Detroit river. It does not seem within the bounds of physical possibility that the Detroit river could dispose of all that great volume of water from above or its banks withstand the enormous pressure of that immense volume, and the theory of the existence of the underground river such as I mentioned seems to me not only plausible, but the existence of that stream is a necessity. All the St. Lawrence river fishes are found in every one of the great lakes except Lake Erie. Why? Because they follow the course of the subterranean river, passing 300 feet beneath the bottom of Lake Erie, and enter the waters of Lake Michigan, thence to be distributed to the other lakes above it.

"The lakes above Lake Erie have frequent but irregular flux and reflux of their waters, corresponding with ocean tides. What is the explanation of the mystery of those erratic lake tides? Simply, according to my opinion, that the subterranean river becomes occasionally obstructed by great obstacles that are constantly separated from the lake bottoms and moved down. Then that supplementary outlet for the great volume of water above for the time becomes useless, and the only other outlet, Detroit river, being insufficient for the purpose, the waters are dammed back, and the lakes rise. At last the underground obstructions are swept away by the irresistible pressure, the subterranean river flows naturally once more, and the dammed waters of the upper lakes subside. That is the whole mystery of the rise and fall of the tides in the great lakes."—New York Sun.

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Refrigerating Machinery.

Professor Ewing, in lecturing before the London Society of Arts on the requirements of refrigerating machinery, says Engineering, showed plainly how far the performance of even the best of modern refrigerating plants falls below that due to an ideal machine. In fact, the practicable figure is not approached by even the best ammonia or carbolic acid gas machines, while with cold air machines the performance reckoned in terms of the indicated work of the engine has never exceeded unity, and is usually not more than one-half to three-fourths of this. The most rapidly working machines, Professor Ewing declares, are absorption machines, in which water is caused to evaporate under a very low pressure, the aqueous vapor being absorbed by sulphuric acid. With a machine of this class by Windhausen, six blocks of ice, weighing 180 pounds each, were produced in 60 minutes after starting, while with a small Garre machine, as modified by Fleuss, ice was produced in a carafe after about five minutes' working. Such machines, however, on a large scale, are objected to on account of their great bulk and mechanical friction.

The star gazers of the Mount Hamilton observatory say that there are 500,000,000 burning suns in the milky way.

DIPLOMACY.

A Gas Bill Collector Who Used It With Flattering Success.

Julian is only 14 months old and a fine child, though I say it myself. I had him on my knee in the parlor of our flat when a knock came at the door. I opened it, whereupon a decidedly elderly gentleman pushed his way in.

"What a fine boy!" exclaimed the stranger, looking in admiration at Julian. "I can tell it's a boy, he's so sturdy."

I had been inclined to resist his unceremonious pushing of himself in, but he took such a pleasure in Julian, and Julian was so delighted by the attention, that I hadn't the heart to say anything.

"Six teeth, eh!" continued the paternal and kindly old gentleman. "Two years old, I judge, sir!"

"No, sir," I replied. "It is true he looks fully 2 years old, but he is only 14 months."

"Impossible!" was the reply in a tone of wonder.

Julian meanwhile was crowing and laughing at the stranger and held out his arms. It suddenly dawned on me that I had not asked my visitor his business, but by this time he had Julian in his lap.

"The child actually weighs all of 25 pounds!" he declared. "By the way, I came to see you about the gas bill. Actually 25 pounds! Only 14 months old! Ha, ha, little boy!"

I had been angry for a week about the gas bill. The company had taken away my meter on account of nonpayment of a most outrageous charge, and for some time I had been using candles. My intention was to sue the company.

"Hear him laugh!" cried the venerable old gentleman, who was now dandling Julian on his knee. "Fourteen months old and weighs 25 pounds! Well, well!"

Julian was in ecstasies.

"Well, now," said I, "I don't think I ought to pay"—

But he was so wrapped up in Julian that he really did not hear me. He brought forth an old wallet and drew my gas bill from it.

"Here, little boy," he cried, "is something for you to play with. I really believe he'll have another tooth through in a week. There isn't another baby in Brooklyn to equal him."

Julian was waving that gas bill in his little fist, and the two made the sweetest picture together—the old gentleman and the child. I had a $10 bill that I was hoarding to buy a new coat and vest with, and I brought it out with a sigh. The old gentleman accepted it casually.

"Well, well," he said, "I must be going. Twenty-five pounds! Fourteen months old!"

As he walked down stairs he looked back two or three times to wave his hand and cry "By, by!" at Julian. He was certainly a superior and well educated old gentleman, and I have no doubt he was reduced to the necessity of taking up his present occupation by reverses of fortune, but I wish I had thought of asking him to have my gas meter brought back.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Natural Paper Makers.

So far as it is known to me, the vespidæ are all social, the individuals consisting of males, females and neuters. They are also known as the "paper making" wasps, having the habit of constructing paper nests of various sizes and forms in which their young are reared. Our common brown wasps (polistes) are too well known to require any detailed description. To those living anywhere in the Atlantic states their paper nests are very familiar, being formed of a circular disk of a single tier of cells, being suspended at the solid back by a median pedicle attached to the point chosen by the community to build. Usually these cells face downward, but occasionally the plane of the nest is vertical, or nearly so, causing the long axes of the cells to lie horizontally or more or less obliquely. This grayish, papery stuff used by the paper making wasps is a composition of their own manufacture. In the case of the common wasp it is made by the female (Vespa vulgaris), she using the fibers of old wool for the purpose. These she gnaws and kneads until they come to be of a consistence of papier mache pulp, the mixture being assisted by the secretion of the salivary glands of the insect.—Popular Science Monthly.

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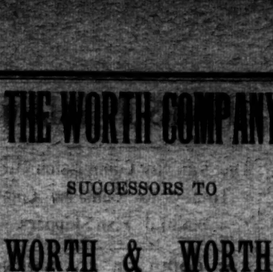

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KELLER
and ASPELL.

Charming Subjects Charmingly Treated.

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It Will Be Thoroughly Characteristic and Distinctly Original.

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The little folk will be delighted with a most winsome tale by Richard Von Volkman-Leander, entitled

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$2 ..... " " " " ..... $ 572
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$5 ..... " " " " $1430
$10 ..... " " " " $2860
$15 ..... " " " " $4290
$1 ..... for 10 years " ..... $ 637
$2 ..... " " " $1274
$3 ..... " " " $1911
$4 ..... " " " $2548
$5 ..... " " " $3185
$10 ..... " " " $6370
$15 ..... " " " $9555

STEP BY STEP YOU GO A LONG WAY.

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Statement of Atlantic National Bank, Wilmington, N. C.

At the close of Business Feb. 18th, 1898, Condensed from Report to Comptroller.

RESOURCES.

Loans		$672,903 10
Overdrafts		21 86
U. S. 4 per cent. Bonds (at par)		40,000 00
Banking House and Fixtures		10,000 00
Due from other Banks	$109,167 71	
Cash on hand	67,274 55	176,442 31
Total		$899,367 27

LIABILITIES.

Capital		$125,000 00
Surplus	$50,000 00	
Undivided profits	15,912 11	75,912 11
Circulation		35,000 00
Total Deposits		662,455 16
Total		$899,367 27

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT:

	Feb. 18, '96.	Feb. 18, '97.	Feb. 17, 98.
Total Deposits	$607,000	$650,000	$662,000
Surplus and Net Profits	84,800	84,800	75,900
Bills Payable and Re-discounts	NONE.	NONE.	NONE.

Dividends paid—6 per cent. per annum.

Last Instalment of Capital paid in October, 1892. mar 6 tf

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Mortagee's Sale.

BY VIRTUE OF A POWER OF SALE CONTAINED in a Mortgage given by S. B. Gaskill and wife to John D. Taylor, Receiver, and subsequently assigned to J. H. Gore, Jr., guardian of Lelia G. McGirt et al., the undersigned will on Saturday, March 26th, 1898, at 12 o'clock M, offer for sale by public auction, for cash, at the Court House door in the city of Wilmington, the following described lot or parcel of land, lying, being, and situate in the city of Wilmington, and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point in the eastern line of Eighth street sixty-six feet southwardly from its intersection with the southern line of Dawson street, and running thence southwardly along the said eastern line of Eighth street sixty-six feet, thence eastwardly and parallel with Dawson street eighty-two and one-half feet to the western line of Millis' alley, thence northwardly along the western line of Millis' alley and parallel with Eighth street sixty-six feet, and thence westwardly and parallel with Dawson street eighty-two and a half feet, to the said eastern line of Eighth street, the beginning point.

Dated this the 26th day of February, A. D., 1898.

J. H. GORE, JR.,
feb 25 30t Assignee of the Mortgage.

ATLANTIC COAST LINE.

Schedule In Effect February 17, 1898

DEPARTURE FROM WILMINGTON—NORTH BOUND

DAILY 9.35 A. M. No. 42—Passenger—Due Magnolia 11:08 a. m., Warsaw 11.13 a. m., Goldsboro 12:05 a. m., Wilson 12:35 p. m., Rocky Mount 1:40 p. m., Tarboro 2:21 p. m., Weldon 4.33 p. m., Petersburg 4.59 p. m., Richmond 7:15 p. m., Norfolk 8.05 p. m., Washington 11:30 p. m., Baltimore 1:06 a. m., Philadelphia 3:50 a. m., New York 6:35 a. m., †Boston 3:00 p. m.

DAILY 7.15 P. M. No. 40—Passenger—Due Magnolia 8:53 p. m.; Warsaw 9:10 p. m., Goldsboro 10:10 p. m., Wilson 11.06 p. m., †Tarboro 8:35 a. m., Rocky Mount 11:37 p. m., Weldon 1:02 a. m., †Norfolk 10:30 a. m., Petersburg 2:14 a. m., Richmond 4 a. m., Washington 7:41 a. m., Baltimore 9:03 a. m., Philadelphia 11:25 a. m., New York 2.08 p. m., Boston 9:00 p. m.

DAILY except Sunday 2.25 P. M. No. 50—Passenger—Due Jacksonville 4:13 p. m., Newbern 5:40 p. m.

SOUTH BOUND.

DAILY 4.00 P. M. No. 85—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 5:09 p. m., Chadbourn 5:41. p. m., Marion 6:43 p. m., Florence 7:28 p. m., Sumter 9:10 p. m., Columbia 10:30 p. m., Denmark 6:12 a. m., Augusta 7:55 a. m., Macon 11:15 a. m., Atlanta 12:25 p. m., Charleston 10:50 p. m., Savannah 1:50 a. m., Jacksonville 7:30 a. m., St. Augustine 10:50 a. m., Tampa 5:25 p. m.

ARRIALS AT WILMINGTON—FROM THE NORTH.

DAILY 5.50 P. M. No. 49—Passenger—Leave †Boston 1:03 p. m., †New York 9:00 p. m., Philadelphia 12:05 a. m., Baltimore 2:50 a. m., Washington 4:30 a. m., Richmond 9:05 a. m., Petersburg 10:03 a. m., Norfolk 8:40 a. m., Weldon 11:53 a. m., Tarboro 12:12 p. m., Rocky Mount 12:47 p. m., Wilson 2:37 p. m., Goldsboro 3:20 p. m., Warsaw 4:11 p. m., Magnolia 4.34 p. m.

DAILY 9.30 A. M. No. 41—Passenger—Leave Boston 12 night, New York 9:30 a. m., Philadelphia 12:00 p. m., Baltimore 2:25 p. m., Washington 3:46 p. m., Richmond 7:30 p. m., Petersburg 8:12 p. m., †Norfolk 2:20 p. m., Weldon 9:48 p. m., †Tarboro 6:01 p m., Rocky Mount 8:40 a. m. Leave Wilson 6:22 a. m., Goldsboro 7:01 a. m., Warsaw 7.53 a. m., Magnolia 8:05 a. m.

DAILY Sunday except 12.15 P. M. No. 51—Passenger—Leave Newbern 9:00 a. m., Jacksonville 10:26 a. m.

FROM THE SOUTH.

DAILY 1.20 P. M. No. 54—Passenger—Leave Tampa 8:10 a. m., Sanford 3:37 p. m., Jacksonville 7:40 p. m., Savannah 1:45 a. m., Charleston 6:33 a. m., Columbia 6.45 a. m., Atlanta 8:30 a. m., Macon 9:00 a. m., Augusta 9:30 p. m., Denmark 4:25 p. m., Sumter 8:12 a. m., Florence 9:38 a. m., Marion 10:36 a. m., Chadbourn 11:38 a. m., Lake Waccamaw 12:09 p. m.

†Daily except Sunday.

Trains on the Scotland Neck Branch Road leave Weldon 3:35 p. m., Halifax 4:30 p. m.; arrive Scotland Neck 5:20 p. m., Greenville 6:37 p. m., Kinston 7:30 p. m. Returning, leaves Kinston 7:50 a. m., Greenville 8:32 a. m.; arriving Halifax at 11:18 a. m., Weldon 11:33 a. m. Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 8:30 a. m. and 2:30 p. m.; arrive Parmele 9:10 a. m. and 4:00 p. m.; returning leaves Parmele 9:35 a. m. and 6.30 p. m.; arrives Washington 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Daily except Sunday.

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 5:30 p. m.; Sunday, 4:15 p. m.; arrives Plymouth 7:40 p. m. and 6:10 p. m. Returning, leaves Plymouth daily except Sunday, 7:50 a. m. and Sunday 9:00 a. m.; arrive Tarboro 10:05 a. m. and 11:00 a. m.

Train on Midland N. C. Branch leaves Goldsboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 7:10 a. m.; arrive Smithfield, N. C., 8:30 a. m. Returning, leaves Smithfield 9:00 a. m.; arrive Goldsboro 10:25 a. m.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 4.30 p. m.; arrives Nashville 5.05 p. m., spring Hope 5.30 p. m. Returning, leaves Spring Hope 8.00 a. m., Nashville 8.35 a. m.; arrive Rocky Mount 9.05 a. m. Daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leave Warsaw for Clinton, daily except Sunday, at 11.30 a. m. and 4.15 p. m. Returning, leave Clinton at 7.00 a. m. and 3.00 p. m.

Florence Railroad leave Pee Dee 10.38 a. m., arrive Latta 10.56 a. m., Dillon 10.30 a. m., Rowland 10.54 a. m. Returning, leaves Rowland 6.13 p. m.; arrives Dillon 6.33 p. m., Latta 6.46 p. m., Pee Dee 7.10 p. m., daily.

Trains on Conway Branch leave Hub at 8:30 a. m., Chadbourn 11:43 a. m.; arrive Conway 2:03 p. m.; leave Conway 2:45 p. m., Chadbourn 5:45 p. m.; arrive Hub 6:25 p. m. Daily except Sunday.

Central of South Carolina Railroad leave Sumter 6:27 p. m., Manning 6:58 p. m.; arrive Lane's 7:36 p. m.; leave Lane's 8:34 a. m., Manning 9:08 a. m.; arrive Sumter 9:37 a. m. Daily.

Georgetown and Western Railroad leave Lane's 9:30 a. m., 7: 55 p. m.; arrive Georgetown 12:00 m., 9:14 p. m.; leave Georgetown 7:00 a. m.; 3:00 p. m.; arrive Lane's 8:35 a. m.; 5:25 p. m. Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Cheraw and Darlington Railroad leave Florence daily except Sunday at 9:55 a. m.; arrive Darlington 10:36 a. m., Cheraw 11:40 a. m., Wadesboro 12:35 p. m.; leave Florence daily except Sunday at 3:00 p. m.; arrive Darlington 3:35 p. m., Hartsville 9:20 p. m., Bennettsville 9:51 p. m., Gibson 9:45 p. m. Leave Florence Sunday only at 9:55 a. m.; arrive Darlington 10:37 a. m., Hartsville 11:10 a. m.

Leave Gibson daily except Sunday at 6:35 a. m., Bennettsville 7:20 a. m.; arrive Darlington 7:50 a. m. Leave Hartsville daily except Sunday at 7:00 a. m.; arrive Darlington 7:45 a. m.; leave Darlington 8:35 a. m.; arrive Florence 9:20 a. m. Leave Wadesboro daily except Sunday 4:25 p. m., Cheraw 5:15 p. m., Darlington 6:29 p. m.; arrive Florence 7:00 p. m. Leave Hartsville Sunday only at 8:15 a. m., Darlington 9.00 a. m.; arrive Florence 9:30 a. m.

Wilson and Fayetteville Branch leave Wilson 2:20 p. m., 11:16 p. m.; arrive Selma 3.15 p. m., Smithfield 3:22 p. m., Dunn 4:00 p. m., Fayetteville 4:47 p. m., 1:14 a. m., Rowland 6:13 p. m.; returning leave Rowland 10.54 a. m., Fayetteville 12:18 p. m., 10:15 p. m., Dunn 1:01 p. m., Smithfield 1:39 p. m., Selma 1:47 p. m.; arrive Wilson 2:35 p. m., 12:09 a. m.

Manchester & Augusta Railroad trains leave Sumter 4:29 a. m., Creston 5:17 a. m.; arrive Denmark 6:12 a. m. Returning leave Denmark 4:35 p. m., Creston 5:30 p. m., Sumter 6:28 p. m. Daily.

Pregnalls Branch train leaves Creston 5:45 a. m.; arrive Pregnalls 9:15 a. m. Returning, leaves Pregnalls 10:00 a. m.; arrives Creston 3:50 p. m. Daily except Sunday.

Bishopville Branch trains leave Elliot 11:10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; arrive Lucknow 1:00 p. m and 8:50 p. m. Returning, leave Lucknow 6:05 a. m. and 2:00 p. m.; arrive Elliot 8:35 a. m. and 3:30 p. m.

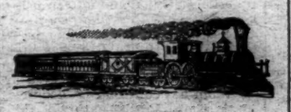
†Daily except Sunday. *Sunday only.

H. M. EMERSON,
Gen'l Passenger Agent.

J. R. KENLY, Gen'l Manager.
T. M. EMERSON, Traffic Manager feb 7 tf

Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad

Time Table No. 3.



To Take Effect Sunday, Nov. 28, 1897, at 12 M.

GOING EAST. Pass'g'r Trains Arrive	Pass'g'r Trains Leave	STATIONS.	GOING WEST. Pass'g'r Trains Arrive	Pass'g'r Trains Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
.....	3 40	Goldsboro.....	11 05	.....
.....	4 20	Kinston.....	10 19	.....
5 35	5 45	Newbern.....	8 57	9 10
6 57	7 02	Morehead City..	7 42	7 47
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11.32 A. M., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 3.00 P. M., and with W. & N. at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train, arriving at Goldsboro 3.00 P. M., and with W. & W. train from the North at 3.05 P. M. No. 1 train also connects with W. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points.

jan 1 tf S. L. DILL, Supt.

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Schedule in Effect May 30, 1897.

Train 41—Leaves Wilmington 8:30 p. m., arrives Lumberton 9:36 p. m., Pembroke 9:46 p. m., Maxton 9:12 p. m., Laurinburg 9:33 p. m., Hamlet 9.53 p. m. Connects at Hamlet with train 41 for Charlotte and Atlanta, and with train 403 for Portsmouth, Richmond, Washington and points North.

Train 4—Leaves Portsmouth 9 30 a. m., arrives Weldon 11:41 a. m., Raleigh 3:30 p. m., Sanford 5:03 p. m., Hamlet 6:58 p. m., Rockingham 7:39 p. m., Wadesboro 8:11 p. m., Monroe 9:12 p. m., Charlotte 10:25 p. m., Athens 3:45 a. m. and Atlanta 8:30 a. m. Connects at Weldon with train from Richmond and all Northern points. Pullman sleeper, Portsmouth to Nashville, Tenn.

Train 408—Leaves Washington 4:10 p. m., Richmond 8:50 p. m., Portsmouth 8:45 p. m. Arrives Weldon 11:10 p. m., Raleigh 2:07 a. m., Sanford 3:36 a. m., Hamlet 5:10 a. m., Rockingham 5:36 a. m., Wadesboro 6:54 a. m., Monroe 6:43 a. m., Charlotte 7:50 a. m., Lincolnton 10:30 a. m., Shelby 11:18 a. m., Rutherfordton 12:30 noon, Athens 1:15 p. m., Atlanta 3:50 p. m. Connections at Atlanta for all points South and West. Pullman sleeper, Washington to Atlanta, and Ports

The Morning Star.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

TUESDAY MORNING, MARCH 15

THE COURT OF INQUIRY.

No Session Yesterday—Rumors of Italian Warships and Another U. S. Battleship to Arrive in Havana.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

HAVANA, March 14.—The day was sultry and cloudy. During the morning there was no session of the United States Naval Court of Inquiry into the loss of the battleship Maine, the members of the court sitting on the poop of the Mangrove discussing various matters in connection with their work.

Arrangements are in progress to discontinue a number of the relief stations in Havana, which are open only at certain hours, and to establish instead, one large central station, which will be open for relief at all hours of the day with four suburban stations. Lists have been secured of the names of the towns near Havana, of the number of their inhabitants and of the destitution in each. These lists will be extended throughout Cuba, to embrace all the localities where suffering exists. A careful estimate, it is hoped, will be made of the total number to be provided for, so that the amount and variety of the daily rations can be fixed according to the money available. It is believed that the long established hospitals and asylums of Havana can be made use of if assistance is judiciously given to their regular managers. It is further hoped that by spending $10,000, Lascoas, now the principal place in Havana for the relief of the reconcentrados here, can be made a model refuge, with new beds, good kitchens, etc.

Rumors are in circulation here to the effect that Italian warships are about to arrive at this port, and it is further reported that the United States government will send either the battleship Iowa or Indiana to this harbor, to stay two or three hours. No cause is assigned for the latter story, nor can the report be confirmed officially.

One unidentified body was recovered to-day from the wreck of the Maine.

Important factions of the autonomists of Matanzas and Santa Clara, representing all races, have agreed not to take part in the general local elections next month. In some political circles the opinion is expressed that this agreement is the result of discontent caused by the fact that the autonomist government has been unable to give employment to the excessive numbers of people who have been seeking positions in the government offices.

ADVICES FROM KEY WEST.

Return of the Fern from Matanzas—Arrival of Torpedoes for Sub-Marine Defence.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

KEY WEST, FLA., March 14.—The United States dispatch boat Fern arrived here this afternoon from Matanzas. The Fern's trip was uneventful. She reached Matanzas on Saturday and at once began discharging provisions into lighters. On shore a few persons had gathered, but there was no demonstration of any kind.

The share of provisions for Matanzas was gotten rid of in a business like way and the Fern then sailed for Sagua La Grande, where the same programme was gone through on Sunday, the operation of landing the stores occupying about six hours.

United States Consul Barker boarded the Fern upon her arrival at Sagua. He was overjoyed to see an American ship once more even though it was the little Fern. The consul said there were about 25,000 starving reconcentrados in his district.

The Fern will probably go back with more provisions about Friday. The torpedos and shells which arrived Saturday were transferred to-day to Fort Taylor and considerable local excitement was raised over rumors that they were being placed in position. An officer who would be connected with such work, however, denied this report and said.

"When you see these mines or torpedoes being placed you can make up your mind that war is more imminent than it is at present. They will not be put in position until the last moment; for however good the mine, it is always liable to become useless through the action of the water

The return of the Court of Inquiry is wearily awaited, especially by the officers of the Maine, who will have been here a month next Wednesday. They have been expecting to go to their homes on every boat of late and now the hope deferred, added to the fact that they are still without adequate wardrobes, makes them thoroughly discontented. Their orders, which are here awaiting the court's pleasure, provide that they shall return to their homes and await orders, which probably means a month's leave.

The impression is growing here that the report of the Court of Inquiry will not be presented for some time yet.

More torpedoes are expected, and some of these will be taken to the Tortugas for submarine defence. The torpedo boat Winslow has arrived from Mobile, and the schooner Harry A. Bruner, Captain Hewitt, from Philadelphia, is here with 1,300 tons of coal for the fleet. The fleet is reported stationary.

J. L. Price, tobacco drummer from Reidsville, N. C., was found dead in his bed at Roanoke, Ala. The coroner's jury found that he came to his death from strangulation, caused by over-use of whiskey. The remains will be sent home to-day.

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Other Warlike Preparations of the Government—Manning the New Ships—Recruits Hurried to the Seaboard.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—The reported sale to the United States of the two Brazilian cruisers Amazonas and Admiral Abreuall, now receiving their finishing touches in an English shipyard, was confirmed here this afternoon. It is learned also that Spain has not secured the O'Higgins and that Chili will not sell her to Spain. It is said, furthermore, that Spain has not and cannot purchase ships from either Chili or the Argentine Republic.

Orders have been sent to Commodore Howell, commanding the European station, to send a force of men from the San Francisco to take possession and hoist the United States flag on the Brazilian ship that is ready to go into commission at New Castle. This will prevent any difficulty in case hostilities should break out, as the ship would be under the flag, but lying in a friendly harbor.

The two vessels will be extremely useful additions to the United States navy in either war or peace, in the opinion of Secretary Long, who acknowledges they have been bought by the United States. They are steel-sheathed and coppered, with twin screws, and will be the first of the cruisers in our navy to embody that most useful feature of naval construction—sheathing—for which chief constructor Hichborn has worked earnestly for many years past. He finally succeeded in having some of the smaller gunboats constructed on this principle. The Amazonas is rated at 3,600 tons displacement, with an indicated horse-power under natural draught of 7,500, which is calculated to develop twenty knots speed. Thus, while the ship is about the size of the Charleston, she is much faster. Her armament is also much more formidable, not so much in calibre, for the main battery is made up of six six-inch guns, but these guns, as well as the four seven-inch guns, are of what is known as fifty calibres length, giving them an unusual range and power. In addition to this there are ten six-pounder quick-firing guns, four one-pounders, four Maxim machine guns and two boat or field guns. The coal capacity is 850 tons, giving her an effective steaming radius of 8,000 knots, a most valuable feature, inasmuch as it would enable the ship to cross and recross the Atlantic ocean without coaling, Such a vessel used as a commerce destroyer would be vastly more effective than what appear to be more powerful crafts, because of her ability to get along on long cruises without touching at neutral ports to coal, and thus exposing themselves to capture.

The cruisers carry no armor in the ordinary sense, but their machinery is protected from the fire of guns by an arched steel deck just below the water line, varying in thickness from 1.2 to 3.5 inches. The battery has an unusual train, being arranged to fire three ahead and three astern of the principal guns.

It is said the coal and ammunition on board passed with the sale to the United States. The ammunition is not all of the kind in use by the United States navy, so that the supply of ammunition is a necessary adjunct to the new ships. The other ship has been launched, but it will take some time to make her ready for sea. Mr. Lane believes, however, that there will be no difficulty in bringing her over immediately, if it is desired to make the move without delay, as the hull of the ship is so well along that she could be towed and her own sail power utilized for the trip across.

A Dangerous Deficiency

in the engineer branch of the navy has been brought to light in the fact that it is scarcely possible to secure a staff of engineer officers to bring back to the United States any of the ships purchased abroad. This state of affairs has been brought to the attention of the House Naval Committee, but so far it is feared without meeting with that degree of success which it was hoped for, in the shape of an amendment increasing the number of engineer officers in the service.

Marines for Cruisers.

Colonel Haywood, the commandant of the marine corps, to-day made five details of marines for cruisers now being repaired or ready for commission. There are two drafts of 45 each for the Philadelphia and the Charleston, one of 52 for the Newark at Norfolk and two of 30 each for the Columbia and Minneapolis at League Island.

Senator Proctor visited the White House and up-town Departments to-day, and his calls excited a good deal of interest. He spent half an hour with Secretary Alger, explaining, it is believed, the military situetion in Cuba, and afterwards had a conference with Judge Day, Assistant Secretary of State. Then he went to the White House and was closeted with the President for two hours and a quarter. When he emerged from the room he courteously declined to speak regarding the nature of the information he had communicated to the President.

The Merchant Marine.

N. F. Palmer, representing the Quintard Iron Works, of New York, which built the engines of the Maine, was at the Navy Department to-day in consultation with the officials respecting the conversion of vessels of the merchant marine into war craft. While not a ship building firm, the Quintard works have done a great deal of work on the engines and interior fittings of ships, which is just the class of work that would be required in the case of the auxiliary cruisers.

Military Departments.

Because of a protest from some of the Western people, the Secretary of War has modified his order of last week changing the names of bounds of the military department so as to retain the name of the department of the Missouri. To do this, however, it was necessary to abandon the naming of "The Department of the Platte," and the territory included within the present limits of that department will be known as the department of the Missouri. The old department of the Missouri retains its new name of the Department of the Lakes.

The Spanish Minister,

Senor Polo y Bernabe received a number of dispatches to-day from the Minister of State at Madrid and from Captain-General Blanco. Those from General Blanco were reassuring in tone and stated that the situation at Havana and throughout the island was quiet and satisfactory. The Minister of State cabled saying in substance:

"The uprising in the Philippines is so insignificant that it will be ended by the time you receive this."

The minister asked that an emphatic denial be made in his name to the reports that Senor Juan Ceballos had been in Washington as a commissioner from the Spanish government to make overtures for terms of settlement with the Cuban insurgents.

Senor Polo's attention was called to the reports from Spain as to the prospective sailing of the Spanish torpedo fleet for Havana, and to the significance which had been attached in this country to this movement. The minister said that the movement of torpedo craft had been long contemplated. Their coming had no relation whatever, he declared, to recent conditions, as they were wanted for work along the Cuban coast.

Spain's Court of Inquiry.

The minister has received no intimation as to the findings of the Spanish Naval Commission which is investigating the Maine disaster. He says this commission is proceeding with the same formality and secrecy as the United States Court of Inquiry, and that no intimations of its findings will be justified until the formal report is presented to the Spanish government. Mr. Polo added that his personal belief, however, was that there is no doubt the Spanish commission will report that the Maine explosion was due to accident, and said he was convinced that this also will be the conclusion reached by the people in this country when all the facts in the matter are made known.

Recruiting the Navy.

The recruiting branch of the Navy Department is naturally one of the biggest branches of the service just now. It is in the temporary command of Capt. Hemphill during the absence in the South of Capt. Hawley and he was busy to-day with a report of the railroads engaged in arranging for terms for transportation of recruits to the seaboard and of sailors already in the service from one port to another made necessary by the commission of new ships. A problem that confronts the recruiting office is to procure the necessary force of enlisted men for manning the two ships which have been purchased from Brazil.

Col. Myron M. Parker, one of the leading business men of Washington, who accompanied Senator Proctor in his recent visit to Cuba, said to-day that the Americans on the island had no doubt that the disaster to the Maine was caused through Spanish agency. Their belief, however, he said, could not be traced to any authoritative source. The insurgents, Colonel Parker thought, were in better shape than ever before and would be able to accomplish their independence in time. The Cubans, as a rule, he believed would be glad to see their island come under the American flag, and would do what they could to bring about that result. The colonel reiterated his statement of last night that the situation of the reconcentrados was deplorable in the extreme. They were confined within narrow limits and practically left to starve. The generosity of the American people, however, was beginning to be felt and the extreme distress was gradually being relieved. He spoke in the highest terms of General Lee and the work he was doing.

The Naval Militia.

Representative Elliott, of South Carolina, called at the Navy Department to-day to talk with the officials respecting the clothing of the naval militia. Under the existing regulations the department has no authority to expend any of the small allotment of funds made by Congress for the use of the naval militia for the purchase of clothing. It is all consumed in the purchase of boats, equipment, arms, books, signal flags, etc. For several years the militia men have been trying hard to secure a modification of the law that would permit of the application of at least a portion of the militia appropriation for the purchase of uniforms. This has been accomplished at last through the inclusion in the pending naval bill of a suitable amendment. However, this new clause, under ordinary conditions would not go into effect before July 1st next. Representative Elliott is endeavoring to secure the department's aid in having the section go into effect immediately upon the passage of the bill, in which case a considerable body of the South Carolina militia can be put into service at once. The department is thoroughly committed to the measure.

MOVEMENT OF WARSHIPS.

Arrival of the Cruiser Brooklyn at Fortress Monroe—The "Flying Squadron."

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—The big armored cruiser Brooklyn arrived at Fortress Monroe this morning direct from La Guayra, Venezuela. She has made a fine run up and, it is expected, will await at Hampton Roads the arrival of the Minneapolis and Columbia, which are just fitting out at Philadelphia. This force will form an excellent nucleus for the projected "flying squadron" in case the department decides to form one.

Cablegrams received at the Navy Department to-day announce that the Bancroft sailed yesterday from Lisbon for Norfolk and the Helena from Lisbon for Key West to join the squadron. This leaves Admiral Howell at Lisbon with his flagship San Francisco as the sole representative of the United States navy in European waters.

It is now stated at the Navy Department that the Marblehead, which arrived at Tampa Saturday night, was ordered to that place simply to take on some stores for the North Atlantic squadron.

NORFOLK, VA., March 14.—The gunboat Machias has been ordered to Boston, and will probably sail in the morning. She coaled to-day. It is supposed the transfer was made because the work on her could be done more expeditiously in Boston, this yard devoting all its energies to the Newark. A large number of new men were taken in to-day, making the total number about 1,700.

SHOT AND SHELL.

Large Quantity Received at Pensacola for Forts and Batteries.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

PENSACOLA, FLA., March 14.—The schooner Josephine Mestiex has arrived with a large quantity of shot and shell for the batteries here. A large lot of powder for the government arrived over the Louisville & Nashville road this morning and two car loads of torpedoes arrived to-night. The movement of troops from Fort Barrancas to the heavy batteries on Santa Rosa island began to-day. This is preparatory to practice with the big disappearing guns which is expected to begin to-day.

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CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS.

Bill Authorizing Construction of New Revenue Cruisers Passed the Senate.

THE MAINE CATASTROPHE.

Resolution to Investigate—National Quarantine Bill to Be Taken Up To-morrow—House of Representatives.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—During its session of three hours to-day the Senate passed a considerable number of bills from the general calendar, among the number being one authorizing the construction of eight new revenue cutters, not exceeding an aggregate cost of $1,025,000.

The National Quarantine bill was made the regular order of business and will be taken up probably on Wednesday.

A resolution offered last Thursday by Senator Chandler, of New Hampshire, authorizing the Committee on Naval Affairs to send for persons and papers in the course of the investigation of the Maine disaster, was adopted.

Almost immediately afterward, Senator Allen, of Nebraska, inquired of Senator Chandler what the Naval Affairs Committee had done regarding the investigation of the Maine catastrophe as provided for by his resolution of several weeks ago.

Senator Chandler, in reply, called attention to the absence of the chairman of the Naval Committee (Senator Hale), and disclaimed any desire or intention to speak for the committee. He said, however, that as yet the committee had taken no action regarding the investigation beyond presenting and securing the passing of the resolution authorizing the committee to proceed as a court. He expressed the opinion that the policy of the committee would be to await the action and findings of the Naval Court of Inquiry.

The bill authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to have constructed eight vessels for the revenue cutter service, provides for them as follows: One to take the place of the Seward, cost not to exceed $160,000; one to take the place of the McLane, cost not to exceed $160,000; one to take the place of the Colfax, cost not to exceed $160,000; one to take the place of the Boutwell, cost not to exceed $160,000; one for service on and in the vicinity of the Columbia river bar, Pacific coast, cost not to exceed $250,000; one for harbor service at Philadelphia, to replace the steamer Washington, cost not to exceed $45,000; one for harbor service at Boston, to replace the steamer Hamlin, cost not to exceed $45,000; one for harbor service at New York, to replace the Chandler, cost not to exceed $45,000.

At 2:40 p. m., the Senate, on motion of Senator Quay, went into executive session and soon afterwards adjourned.

House of Representatives.

Rev. Edward Everett Hale, of Boston, delivered the invocation in the House to-day

This being the second Monday of the month, it was given over, under the rule, to the consideration of business relating to the District of Columbia. The district business was concluded at 4:35 p. m. A few Senate bills were passed and at 5 o'clock the House adjourned.

BIDS FOR WAR PROJECTILES.

Large Supplies from Various Sources Tendered the Government to be Furnished on Short Notice.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—The Bureau of Ordnance of the War Department opened bids to day for a large supply of armor-piercing projectiles and for 12,000,000 rifle ball cartridges. The bidding brought together a number of the representatives of the large steel and ammunition companies, some of whom took occasion to give assurances that in the present emergency government work would be given the preference over commercial orders.

The bids varied only slightly on the various classes of heavy shot, running from $116 each for the eight-inch shot to $235 each for the 1,000 pounders.

Although the department intends to accept only one bid, or to divide the order between the bidders, it afforded satisfaction to the authorities to know that such large supplies could be obtained from so many sources on short notice. The Midvale Company offered to begin deliveries in twenty-five days; the Furth Sterling Company at the rate of 101 per week after twenty-five days; the Carpenter Company twenty-five per day after April 8th, and the Atha Illingsworth Company in about ninety days.

bidsfor riflecar tridges with brown powder, and 2,000,000 metallic cartridges with smokeless powder were from three bidders, viz: The Union Metallic Cartridge Company, the United States Cartridge Company and the Winchester Repeating Arms Company. The bids were the same in each case, $18.50 for the brown powder cartridges and $27 for the smokeless powder cartridges. One company offered to deliver 50,000 at once, and all the offers contemplated a delivery of 100,000 a day after a few days.

The bids for shot, shell and cartridges will be briefed and the awards made within the next few days, as the War Department wishes the work to begin at once.

A GEORGIA BANK FAILURE.

Telegram Sent to Apprehend the President and Cashier.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

MACON, GA., March 14.—A special to the *Telegraph* from Abbeville, Ga., says:

The bank of Abbeville has failed. Cashier Latham, in the absence of President Mehagan, made an assignment to Max Land for the benefit of the bank's creditors. Mr. Latham gave the assignee the wrong combination to the safe and left the town. President Mehagan has been absent two weeks. The merchants of Abbeville are the principal losers and have sent out telegrams to apprehend the cashier and president. The amount of the loss cannot be ascertained, until the safe is opened.

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AFFAIRS IN RALEIGH.

The Railway Commission Meets To-day to Consider Complaint of Fish Shippers.

THE POPULIST CONFERENCE.

Raleigh Postmastership—Convicts on Railroad Work—Rockingham Rapist—E. F. Hanna Pardoned—Tenders of Service tothe Governor.

Special Star Correspondence.]

RALEIGH, N. C., March 14.

Dr. J. J. Mott, the "Iron Duke," has arrived in the city and is in close consultation with Railway Commissioners Pearson and Caldwell. Dr. Mott has not visited Raleigh in many months. The knowledge of the meeting of the Populist conference Wednesday could not keep the Doctor away.

The Railway Commission meets tomorrow. A large number of persons from Eastern Carolina, who are engaged and interested in the fishing industry, will attend the session to-morrow, at which time the Southern Express Company will be called on to show why express rates on the shipments of fish should not be reduced. Dr. Abbott says a number of shippers of fish will come from his section.

The four years term of Postmaster Busbee expires April 1st. There is renewed energy at this time among the several candidates who seek the postmastership. Tom Bailey has Senator Pritchard's promise of the place and there is no doubt that he has the strongest showing. It is now asserted that a combination is being formed to defeat Tom. John Nichols, who sat in Congress with McKinley, will likely be the man brought forward to make the fight against Bailey. Nichols is pledged to Shaffer and an effort is being made to get Shaffer withdraw in favor of Nichols, it being evident that he is not in the race.

The force of convicts numbering 125, which are engaged at work on the Elrod extension of the Atlantic Coast Line, will be brought here in two weeks to begin the construction of the Raleigh and Cape Fear Railway.

I saw John Evans, the Rockingham rapist, in jail yesterday. He looks none the worse for his long confinement. He talks constantly on religious topics; but protests his innocence when mention is made of the crime of which he was convicted. Evans says he puts his trust in the Lord and the good people. "If I have got to die, I am not afraid to face the master," said the prisoner. "I know I won't have to answer for that crime."

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

Governor Russell pardons Edwin F. Hanna, convicted of larceny and sentenced to two years imprisonment in the State Penitentiary at the January term of the New Hanover Criminal Court. The official notice and reasons will be made public to-morrow.

Col. John Wilder Atkinson, of Wilmington, tenders his services to the Governor, should the President call on the Governor for troops. During the civil war he was Colonel of Artillery and was for more than two years in command of several forts defending Richmond.

Dr. B. F. Dixon, of Shelby, and J. M. Hewlett, of Wilmington, write letters to the Governor, offering services.

AUXILIARY CRUISERS.

Many Vessels of the Merchant Marine at Disposal of the Board Appointed to Secure Such Vessels.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, March 14.—The board of auxiliary cruisers of the United States Navy, which was appointed to acquire ships of the merchant marine for use in the event of the breaking out of war, met for organization to-day. The new board supercedes the office of the United States inspector of merchant vessels, which has been held by Lieutenant Commander J. D. J. Kelley, in this city, since May of last year. Commander Kelley is a member of the new board.

A member of the board said to-day that it had power to preempt any vessel that had been constructed under the subsidy of Congress and was engaged in carrying the mails.

The board organized with the selection of Captain Frederick Rodgers of the naval board of inspectors and survey as president; Lieutenant Sargeant, recorder of the board of inspectors as secretary and Lieutenant Commander Kelley as advisor.

The board inspected the St. Louis and the New York of the American Line this afternoon.

Captain Rodgers has very positive instructions to make thorough inspections and immediate report. He has been directed to examine all steamships available for auxiliary cruisers and supplies transports, fast tugs for use as rams, and steam yachts that could be quickly transferred into serviceable torpedo boats. He has been instructed also to telegraph his recommendations to the Secretary of the Navy, so that action may be taken without unnecessary delay. It is said by a member of the board this morning that the department's orders were "hurry up" orders, and that the work of the board would be completed as expeditiously as possible.

Another member of the board said: "Just as soon as our mission here had been announced we began to receive offers from the steamship companies. The owners of all the available American steamships in the harbor, I believe I am safe in saying, have placed their vessels at our disposal. Merchant vessels, tugs and yachts are included in this. We have had a particularly large number of yachts offered to us and we will, no doubt, enter into negotiations for a number of these."

The St. Louis is advertised to sail on Wednesday, but it was admitted by an official of the company this morning that he did not know whether or not she would do so.

WARM WIRELETS.

The tug Leyden, a fine steel boat, has been ordered from Newport to Key West.

A dispatch from Cadiz, Spain, announces that the Spanish squadron has sailed from that port. It is understood the Spanish warships are going to Porto Rico where they will await the orders of Captain General Blanco.

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SPAIN'S SYMPATHISERS.

Austria and Germany Making Efforts to Induce Other Powers to Interfere in the Cuban Matter.

LONDON, March 15.—The Vienna correspondent of the *Times* telegraphs an abstract of an article in the St. Petersburg *Novore Vremya*, which he thinks "deserves attention as giving an accurate account of the views and intentions of at least three of the great powers." The correspondent says:

"The article asserts that the United States are well aware that in declaring war against Spain they could not count on the approval of any of the European powers. All, it alleges, would sympathize with Spain; if not actively, certainly by categorical protest against President McKinley's conduct. This is also well known at Madrid.

The Vienna correspondent of the *Standard* declares that Austria and Germany sympathize with Spain, the former being actuated by family ties between the two reigning houses, and the latter by a grudge against the United States.

The Paris correspondent of the *Times* says: "According to information obtained from good sources, the Austrian Emperor is making great efforts to induce the European powers to present to the United States the danger to Europe of their carrying any further their interference in Cuban affairs.

"Emperor William is warmly seconding the efforts of Emperor Francis Joseph. The American government is aware of this situation."

Woolf Joel, nephew and trustee of the estate of the late Barney Barnato, the South African millionaire who committed suicide last June, was shot in his office at Johannesburg by a former soldier named Feldthein. The latter then tried to commit suicide but failed. He was arrested.

Hon. W. J. Bryan spoke at Atlanta last night in the auditorum to 10,000 people. His address was along his usual line of argument.

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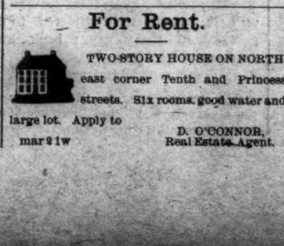

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